



"Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life"

Sermon Connection Handout: **"How Is Your Heartbeat For The Harvest?"** – 11/25/2018

Read Luke 15:1 – 31 (NKJV)

INTRODUCTION:

- We've been emphasized and asked some important thought-provoking questions. Like: (1) Who's Hand Am I Under? (2) Who is in control of my heart and life? (3) Is Jesus Christ really Lord of all that pertains to me? Am I running my life or is the Lord in charge and in control of running my life? Last week we emphasize the question of: Why Obey? We conveyed by God's grace the importance of: Obedience and Living a Life of Obedience. Last week we asked a powerful question: "Are You Avoiding The Trap of Offense"? We shared some vital points and principles from Scripture regarding the importance of WALKING IN _____ and WALKING IN _____ which includes REMOVING any roots of BITTERNESS, RESENTMENT, letting go of OFFENSES, etc.
- Today I want to ask another question: "How is your heartbeat for the harvest"? What is your passion for souls and seeing the lost get saved?
- In this powerful chapter we just read, Jesus our Lord tells three parables that make a single point: GOD LOVES _____. The lost **SHEEP**, a lost silver **COIN**, and finally, a lost **SON** comprise a trilogy of increasing value.
- The reason we exist as a Church, it not to have a "Bless me Club" or a "Love Boat"; we exist to see the LOST get _____; and that the SAVED will faithfully _____ as a Disciple and Christ-Follower.
- _____ is the best word to describe a person's condition without Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. Lost things cannot serve their purpose, and they lack the ability to return where they belong – they must be _____.
- Website: <http://www.worldometers.info/world-population/>
 - 1st – Notice the World Population growing and ticking...
 - 2nd – Notice the Death Total
 - If you calculate the numbers of days thus far this year 327 and multiply our days by hours (60 minutes per hour) and minutes (60 seconds per minute) = 28, 252, 800 seconds this year as of midnight tonight.
 - HOW MANY PEOPLE DIE EVERY SECOND?
- Do you have a healthy, passionate heartbeat for the HARVEST?
- We must realize that a Church that does not have a HEART for _____ does not have a HEART for the _____. **A CHURCH THAT ISN'T MISSION-MINDED WILL BECOME A MISSION FIELD.** The IMPACT and GREATNESS of a Church is NOT in its _____ capacity, but in its _____ capacity.

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THE HARVEST?

Matthew 9:36 – 38 (NLT) – ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

- We are a Church with a _____ – to Go, to Grow and to Give.
 - We _____ to **REACH** the lost, the lonely and the least.
 - We _____ new Believers into Disciplined learners and followers of Christ - _____. WHY? Because we are not _____ to SIT, we are SAVED to _____. We are not just to come to Church and to the Worship Service; but

we are to BE the Church. Our Service begins not just at Church, but before and after the Church Service.

- **Matthew 15:24 (NLT)** – “Then Jesus said to the woman, “I was sent only to help God’s lost sheep—the people of Israel.”
 - This was Jesus’ Assignment. Not the foolish sheep; not the crazy sheep – the _____ sheep.
- **Luke 19:10 (NLT)** – “For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”
- Our Assignment to Follow Him – to be His Disciple; to be a Christ-Follower.
- **Our Ministry: The Ministry of Reconciliation – 2 Corinthians 5:17 – 21 (NKJV)** – “¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us **the ministry of reconciliation**, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us **the word of reconciliation**. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
- **Our Assignment: Acts 1:8 (NLT)** – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- **4 QUADRANTS OF MISSIONAL REACHING:**
 - 1st – Jerusalem = Home/Families; 2nd – Judea – The Community (not a Church on the Corner, but a Church in the Community); 3rd – Samaria – the Other Cultures; people different than you; and 4th – The Uttermost Parts of the World – Give and support Local and World Missions.
 - Remember the **PROCESS** goal is to _____ : **Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)** – “¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ **Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”
 - **HOW DO WE DO THIS?** 1st - **Imitate** - be a Model; know the Way; show the Way and go the Way. 2nd - **Impart** - be a Mentor; “Groom ‘em, don’t broom them”; “Love them, don’t loose them.” 3rd - **Instruct** - be a Motivator and Manager like Jesus; Precept and Example.

THE HARVEST IS RIPE AND READY NOW! ARE YOU?

John 4:35 (NKJV) – “Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”

- If we don’t have a healthy, passionate heartbeat for the _____, the HARVEST will become a _____ to us.

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