

Outreach

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 9.
- B. The harvest is plentiful and the workers are few.
- C. The great need is for laborers—this is where the problem is. God is at work in people but there are not people to lead others to God.
- D. We are to pray first for workers. We are then to be willing to go.

II. What a laborer is. (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

- A. A laborer is a disciple plus something.
- B. The Christian laborer is a Christian who leaves a mark.
- C. A worker in the harvest loves people.
 - 1. You love people and they will come.
 - 2. Love is a powerful force.
 - 3. Love is a choice.
 - 4. Love freely accepts another. Jesus accepted the woman who sinned. (John 8)
 - 5. Love seeks another's good. The Good Samaritan met the people's needs. We must be a neighbor to whoever has a need. (Luke 10)
- D. A worker shares the gospel.
 - 1. The gospel is that Christ died for our sins and that he was raised again on the third day according to the Scriptures. The heart of the gospel is that Jesus died for our sins. (1 Peter 2:24)
 - 2. Steps in sharing the gospel:
 - a. Prayer.
 - b. Doing good for people as you go through life to love people.
 - c. Sharing your testimony and not a sermon. People are not interested for what we have done for God—they are interested in what God has done for us.

d. Getting a person to investigate the Bible through some means. Share it regardless whether the person believes it or not.

e. Inviting the person to make a decision.

E. A worker shares his life.

1. Communicate with your family about the basic things of life.

2. Keep in touch with the relatives.

3. Spend time in personal accountability with others.

Application questions

1. What is the fundamental characteristic of a laborer? Explain.

2. How does one go about sharing the gospel? Be specific.

3. Does your labor leave a mark or a blur? What will you do this week that will leave a mark on someone's life.
