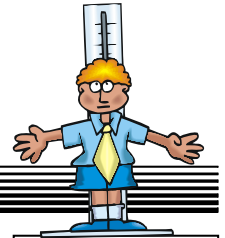


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What We Need to Fulfill Our Calling



1. We Need _____ (v.35)

2. We Need _____ (vv.35-36)

3. We Need _____ (vv.34-38)

4. We Need _____ (vv.37-38)

John 4:34-38
³⁴ "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." (NIV)



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Acts 2:41; 2:47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:7; 11:21** and **16:5**. What are some of the "selfish" reasons people want their churches to stay small?
2. Read **John 4:36**. What are some of the blessings that you derive when Christ grows his church?
3. Read **Matthew 9:37-38**. What clever or creative reminder will you utilize to pray the prayer of v.38?

What would you say to a Christian who says that "now is not a good time" for him or her to get involved in the harvest?

4. Read **Ephesians 6:19 & Colossians 4:3**. Write out the sentiment of this prayer in your own words and for your own life.
5. List at least three people you will personally invite to church over the next four weeks? Take a few minutes to pray for each of these names right now.

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

March 11th
Num.26-27 & Prov.26

March 12th
Num.28-29 & Prov.27

March 13th
Num.30-31 & Prov.28

March 14th
Num.32-33 & Prov.29

March 15th
Num.34-35 & Prov.30

March 16th
Num.36 & Prov.31

March 17th
Deut.1-2 & Lk.1

March 18th
Deut.3-4 & Lk.2

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

- CD # 0620 – **Extending the Reach of the Lordship of Christ**
- CD # 0563 – **Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News**
- CD # 0639 – **Christmas Lights: Shining Brightly for Christ**
- CD # 0560 – **Recalling Our Primary Earthly Task**
- CD # 0201 - 0204 – **Couriers For Christ** (a four-part series on Colossians 4:3-6)

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

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