



Harvest Time: Your Words and Actions

Jesus views people not as burdens or interruptions, but as a harvest ready for eternal life. In John 4, Christ pushed past physical exhaustion to offer grace and truth to the Samaritan woman at the well, demonstrating that how we sow into others shapes how they will sow into the world. In Matthew 13, He cautions us against playing judge and prematurely tearing out what we assume to be "weeds," reminding us that discerning the heart belongs to the Master at harvest time. Finally, Ezekiel 33 calls believers into active, ongoing faithfulness—God takes no pleasure in the destruction of the wicked, but calls all to repentance and daily obedience. Harvest living requires that our words and actions reflect Christ's heart right now: seeing people with compassion, working through weariness, avoiding premature judgment, and pursuing active righteousness.

Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. Seeing Through Jesus' Eyes

Read John 4:1–7. Jesus was physically worn out from travel, yet He engaged the Samaritan woman intentionally. When you are tired or overwhelmed, how do your words and tone typically change toward the people around you?

2. The Power of Sowing What We Receive

What we sow into others is often what they turn around and sow into those around them (such as our children, spouses, or coworkers). What kind of "seeds" have you been planting in your home this past week through your everyday reactions?

3. Speaking vs. Walking Away

It takes boldness to move toward hurting people rather than looking and walking away. Who in your regular routine (work, neighborhood, family) might be starving for hope, and what holds you back from speaking up?



4. Rocks and Obstacles in the Field

Every harvest field has rocks, weeds, and rough terrain to navigate. What are some of the current "rocks" or relational obstacles you face when trying to share Christ's love with those around you?

5. Leaving the Weeds to the Master

Read Matthew 13:24–30. Why are we often so quick to try to uproot people we deem "weeds"? What danger does Jesus warn about when we try to do the Master's sorting work ourselves?

6. Loving Even When Betrayal Is Possible

Jesus equipped and sent out all twelve disciples to preach—including Judas, Peter who denied Him, and those who scattered. How does Jesus' willingness to invest in flawed, unreliable people challenge the way you treat people who have let you down?

7. Right-Now Focus

The lesson notes that "harvest-focused is right-now focused." Are you more prone to getting paralyzed by past regrets or distracted by future worries instead of being obedient to what God has placed right in front of you today? Explain.

8. God's Heart for the Lost

Read Ezekiel 33:11. God takes no delight in the destruction of the wicked, but desires that they turn and live. Does your attitude toward difficult or ungodly people in culture reflect God's grief and desire for their redemption, or frustration and condemnation?

9. Faith Lived Out Day-by-Day

Read Ezekiel 33:14–16. True repentance involves turning away from sin and taking active steps toward restitution, justice, and obedience. What is one specific area of your life where God is calling you to move from "just saying" to "seeing and doing"?



10. Laboring in the Field Together

You are called to be an active laborer in God's field alongside other believers. What practical step can you take this week to serve, encourage, or share Christ with someone, even if you feel tired or inadequate?

Conclusion

Being a worker in God's harvest field is not reserved for when life is convenient, restful, or comfortable. Jesus ministered in His weariness, extended grace to the broken, and trusted the Father with the final sorting of the crop. Our responsibility is simple: look at the people around us with eyes of mercy, sow words of life, and live out a daily, active faith that points straight to the Savior.

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the grace You poured out on us when we were lost, weary, and broken. Forgive us for the moments we allow our exhaustion or frustration to dictate our words and actions. Give us the eyes of Jesus to see the fields around us—our homes, workplaces, and communities—as ripe for harvest. Guard our hearts from self-righteousness and the temptation to judge others prematurely. Teach us to walk in genuine repentance and daily obedience, working out our faith with humility and reverence. Fill us with Your Spirit so that even when we feel empty, Your life and love flow through us to reach those who need You. In Jesus' name, Amen.