

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Jesus very clearly told His disciples two urgent truths: 1) There are plenty of people who are waiting to be reached with the gospel, and, 2) There aren't enough Christians who are ready to be a part of the reaching. This year's ROC will not only celebrate the Harvest that's been reached through our generosity and efforts in previous years, but will help equip you to reach an even greater harvest in the years ahead.

Matthew 9:37 (NIV)

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

Two Urgent Truths:

- **There are plenty of people who are waiting to be reached with the gospel.**
- **There aren't enough Christians who are ready to be a part of the reaching.**

The Harvest: The people God plans to reach through you.

Matthew 5:13-15 (NIV)

Six Approaches to Reach the Harvest:

1. **CONFRONTATIONAL** Approach – **PETER**
 - John 18:10 (NIV), Acts 2:36-38 (NIV)
2. **INTELLECTUAL** Approach – **PAUL**
 - Acts 17:22-25 (NLT), 2 Timothy 2:15 (The Message)
3. **RELATIONAL** Approach – **MATTHEW**
 - Luke 5:27-29 (NIV), Colossians 4:5 (NIV)
4. **SERVANT** Approach – **TABITHA**
 - Acts 9:36 (NIV)
5. **TESTIMONIAL** Approach – The **HEALED** Man
 - John 9:24-27 (NIV)
6. **INVITATIONAL** Approach – The **SAMARITAN** Woman
 - John 4:28-30 (ESV), John 4:35-38 (ESV), John 4:39-42 (ESV)

What Approach(es) Resonate with You?

Who are "Your Ones?"

Discussion Questions

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
2. In your church experience, what's been your perspective on evangelism? Were you taught (or left to assume) reaching others for Christ was the work of staff pastors, missionaries, Etc.? Or were you taught that you had a calling/role/responsibility to reach others with the Gospel?
3. Read through the latter part of John chapter 4. When Jesus speaks of the harvest what is he referring to? What role do the disciples have according to Jesus? What does this mean? Why do you think they needed to be reminded/taught this?
4. Look over the six approaches Pastor Donnie mentioned this morning. Which one(s) resonate with you? Which approach was used by someone to first introduce you to Jesus?
5. What is our motivation for proclaiming the Good News of Jesus to others?
6. Who are your ones? How did you do this last week in praying for them daily – that they would be part of the Harvest that God plans to reach through you?