

A STRONG FOUNDATION CITY HARVESTERS

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*“So, God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God, he created them male and female. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be **fruitful, multiply**, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth.’” (Genesis 1:27-28, CSB)*

Multiply - *râbâh* (hebrew)

To increase (in whatever respect): (bring in) abundance, be in authority, bring up; to continue, enlarge, excel, exceed, be full of, (be, make) great, to grow up, heap, increase, be long, many, more (in number)

*“Then the master said to the servant, ‘**Go out** into the highways and hedges, and **compel them** to come in, **that my house may be filled.**” (Luke 14:23, NKJV)*

“And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:15-16, NLT)

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.” (Proverbs 11:30, NKJV)

I. Why Did Jesus Come Down to The Earth?

- The very core of Jesus’ call was to _____ the lost!
(Matthew 9:13, John 12:32, Galatians 2:20, Colossians 3:4)

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10, NKJV)

- We are to be ministers of reconciliation to _____ and bring back those who belong to Jesus.
(2 Corinthians 5:18-19, 1 Timothy 1:15)

We believe that all are here to be soul winners, bridge builders and city-takers. This involves everyone doing their part as a witness i.e. taking and making opportunities to lead people to Jesus. We are not here to promote a ‘come-and-see’ mentality but a ‘go-and-do’ mindset. Our call is to simply be an echo of Jesus. We are called to save sinful men and bring them to a sinless God. This is the single greatest work!

“For ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, ‘how beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!’” (Romans 10:13-15, NLT)

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28: 19-20 (NLT)

This denotes three pivotal things (from Dr. Tony Kawalsingh):

1. I must bring all men to believe through the preached Word, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(Mark 16:15-16, Romans 1:16).
2. Those who believe must belong (through partnership classes, water baptism; born into the Kingdom and added to the church). (Mark 16:16)
3. Those who belong must behave, obeying all the values of the Kingdom of God.
(John 14:15, Matthew 28:20, 2 Timothy 3:16).

II. What About Our City?

“But the LORD said: You are concerned about a vine (what are you concerned about?) that you did not plant or take care of, a vine that grew up in one night and died the next. In that city of Nineveh there are more than a hundred twenty thousand people (How many are around you?) who cannot tell right from wrong, and many cattle are also there. Don’t you think I should be concerned about that big city?” (Jonah 4:10-11, CEV)

The Bible is very clear on God’s feeling towards the city:

1. God _____ the cry of the city (Genesis 18:20-21).
2. God _____ over the city (Luke 19:41-44).
3. God _____ to the city (Micah 6:9; Proverbs 1:20-21; 8:1-3).
4. God _____ ministries to cities (Jonah 1:2; Luke 9:51-56).

A Harvest Minded Person:

1. Values _____ above buildings and programs (1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 5:26; Titus 2:14).
2. Values _____ (John 4:6; Ephesians 6:21; Colossians 4:17; 2 Timothy 4:19-21).
3. Values _____ above the name of a man or single church (John 12:32; Acts 2:38; Acts 4:18; 8:12).
4. Loves their _____ (Luke 9:51-56; 19:41-44).
5. Understands the times and seasons and they know what to do (1 Chronicles 12:32).
6. Prepares for _____ by seeking the lost (Luke 9:1-6; Mark 6:12-13).
7. Prays for the lost more than _____ and _____ (Ezekiel 22:30; Mark 1:35-39; Luke 10:2; Matthew 9:38).
8. Develops harvest minded _____ (Philippians 2:20-22; Mark 3:13-19).
9. Belongs to a harvest minded _____ (Luke 5:5-8; 11).
10. Has a harvest philosophy or principle by which they work (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Try to say to yourself: “It does not, after all, matter whether that man proves me to be a fool or not, for I know that already I am content to be thought a fool for Christ’s sake, and not to care about my reputation. I have to bear witness to what I know, and by the help of God I will do so right boldly. If the interrupter questions me about other things, I shall tell him that I do not come to bear witness about other matters, but this one thing I do. To one point I will speak, and to no other.” - **Charles H. Spurgeon**

CONCLUSION

If the church doesn’t have new children; babies; souls it will die. If we don’t evangelise, we will fossilise! (Genesis 30:1)

“Ask me for the nations, and every nation on earth will belong to you.” (Psalm 2:8, CEV)

“So, Joshua answered them, “If you are a great people, then go up to the forest country and clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and the giants, since the mountains of Ephraim are too confined for you.” But the children of Joseph said, “The mountain country is not enough for us; and all the Canaanites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are of Beth Shean and its towns and those who are of the Valley of Jezreel.” And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph - to Ephraim and Manasseh - saying, “You are a great people and have great power; you shall not have only one lot, but the mountain country shall be yours. Although it is wooded, you shall cut it down, and its farthest extent shall be yours; for you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots and are strong.” (Joshua 17:15-18, NKJV)