



Prep Work for the Main Work

Matthew 3:1-2, 11-17; 4:1-2

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In life, some things come before other things. For example: you must preheat the oven before you cook the meal, you must prepare the soil before you plant the seed, and you must pour the foundation before you build the house. The prep work must come before the main work.

As followers of Christ, our main work is the Great Commission. We are called by Jesus to make disciples who make disciples. And in disciple-making, there is some prep work that must come before the main work. Some people call this pre-evangelism or pre-discipleship.

In our text, Jesus was about to begin His earthly ministry of making disciples and there was some prep work that had to be done.

Main Thought...

→ You must _____ the soil before you plant the seed.

1. Understand the _____ of the work (3:1-2, 11-12).

Gal. 4:19; Heb. 9:27

2. Understand the _____ of our example (3:13-17).

Mt. 5:16; 1 Pet. 2:12

3. Understand the _____ of preparation (4:1-2).

- _____ (Mt. 4:1-2)
- _____ (Jn. 1:35-42)
- _____ (Jn. 1:43-46)
- _____ (Jn. 1:47-51)

Ps. 126:5-6

Final Thoughts...

→ Do you need to be _____ by someone?

→ Is it time for you to become a _____ maker?