

HUNGER AND THIRST: EVANGELISM

Sermon Series : Hunger and Thirst

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““My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest” (John 4:34-35)

1. When mission becomes omission... Satisfied becomes sanitized (John 4:31-35; Phil 2:12-13)

- people are not seeking to be filled they are seeking to be thrilled
- Jesus never said “sitting under a good sermon is what feeds me!”
- Obedient to mission keeps us from obesity to omission

2. The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity (John 20:21; Rom 10:14-15; also Isa 6:8; Rom 1:16;)

Top reasons we don’t share our faith

1. Fear
2. Identity
3. Comfort
4. Apathy
5. Equipping

3. The church needs to move from retreating to retaking

(2 Cor 4:3-4; Jn 1:5; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor 3:6-9; 1 Th 1:4-5; Acts 8:27-40)

“My job is to get God’s word to their ears;
the Holy Spirit’s job is to get it from their ears to their hearts”

4. Reaching requires a “Whatever it takes” posture

(Matt 5:14-16; 10:8; John 2:11, 23; 4:47-49)

QUESTIONS

1. Think about the people you are around on a daily basis. Do you *believe* Jesus’ words, “The fields are ripe for harvest?” Why or why not? What’s the evidence either direction?
2. Consider a situation where you have an opportunity to share your faith:
 - a. What is your role in the process of sharing the gospel?
 - b. What is God’s role?
3. Mike shared five reasons we don’t share our faith
 - a. What are the top reasons you don’t share your faith?
 - b. What can you do to overcome this barrier?
 - c. What do you need *God* to do to help you remove the barrier?
4. Create a Going-to-be-Saved Prayer List for your Group. Have each person in your Group name one person from their life they are burdened to see come to Jesus. Set aside 5 mins of your Group time *every week* to pray for the names on the list.

Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with the people God has placed around you, and for the boldness to do so!