

IT IS ALWAYS TIME

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
Matt. 9:37,38*

REFLECTION

When it comes to sharing the gospel message with others, there can be the misconception that evangelism is only for those who are gifted with the ability to speak fluently or those with gifts of healing and miracles. The rest of us who are not gifted with such need to trouble ourselves with evangelism. Yet, the Great Commission to go share the gospel is for everyone who believes in Jesus Christ as the one true Saviour. The sharing of who Jesus is and what He has done need not be done only with spoken words, though some words may be needed later, but it can be done with services, deeds, writings, pictorials, movements, etc. In fact, there are so many creative ways to share the gospel of Jesus with everyone. Yet, we may reason that people may not be ready and we put off the chance to share with them the gospel message. But how would we know if they are ready or not?

How then are we to read and understand Jesus' instructions to His disciples (and all of us) that *"the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field"*? Perhaps there are three things for us to consider. 1) Since the time Jesus declared that the harvest was ready it has always been the time to share the gospel. It is not seasonal. Jesus' resurrection from the dead and made the harvest even more ready. 2) Harvesting time is to be prayer-covered. Seeking the Lord's instructions and blessings is important as He knows which part of the field is to be "harvested" though they are aplenty. So, pray and ask God for wisdom and empowerment to know who to approach, what to say and opportunities to bring in Jesus. 3) It involves all of us. Harvesting is not just for those gifted with words, but for all of us who can express the love, mercy and grace of Christ through various means and creative ways. Will you be counted in the Lord's harvest team?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, You are the Lord of the harvest and Your desire is that none should perish but have eternal life

through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Burn this desire and understanding deep in our hearts and mind that we may be Your harvesters to places and people You are sending us to, for Your kingdom and glory. Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- Thank God for His love shown to us through our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a gift not just for us, but for everyone. Seek and ask the Lord for a heart that is concerned for those who have yet to know Jesus and be saved by Him. Ask the Lord to work in your heart and eyes such that you would see people around you from His perspective. Ask God to grant you the willing heart to share the gospel message.
- Identify those in your family, neighbourhood, circle of friends and workplaces who have yet to know Jesus and lift them before God's presence. Pray for God to work in their lives such that they would have the opportunity to hear the message of Jesus Christ. Pray also for God to open their hearts and minds that they may be able to understand and receive Jesus as their Saviour. Pray for God to break down any form of resistance that work against the Holy Spirit.
- While the COVID safety measures have restricted much of our physical movement, pray that the gospel message may not be hindered in any way. Pray that God would grant us all creative ideas to know how to reach out to others safely. Pray for discernment that we may know when and how to share with people respectfully and sensitively.
- Pray also for many of the local and overseas missionaries in the mission fields that God would grant them opportunities and wisdom in knowing how to reach out to the communities through creative ways. Pray for God's grace to work powerfully in and through them as they go about in their ministries.

*"Missions, after all, is simply this:
Every heart with Christ is a missionary, every heart
without Christ
is a mission field."
Count Zinzendorf*

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