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Where Are the Laborers?

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Luke 10:1-2

After this the Lord appointed 72 others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

I love this passage because it’s so counterintuitive to the church today. We often think that the problem in America is the “harvest” – that there are less people who are ready to receive the Gospel. But in this passage, Jesus says that the “harvest” is plentiful but the laborers – those who will go out and share the Good News of Christ – are few. To paraphrase, we don’t have a harvest problem, we have a labor problem.

You might think “maybe years ago, but not today, this country is too far gone.” But consider that Jesus made this statement while he was doing ministry in Samara. Samara was infamous for its godlessness and immorality. If the harvest was plentiful in Samaria, then it is certainly plentiful in American today.

In response to this problem Jesus calls us to do two things: He calls us to **pray** and he calls us to **go**. So why not join me in praying daily that God would raise up laborers for His harvest, and identify three people in your life who are “far from God but close to you” and start reaching out to them. No matter what stage of life we’re in, we can all be part of the solution to the harvest problem.



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