

Discipleship

Lesson - 12 The Harvest and the Harvesters

John 15:8 *Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

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Being Fruity

John 15:1–8 (NKJV) *“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ...⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”*

Matthew 20:1 *“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.*

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard there is never a shortage of harvesting that needs to be done. There is a shortage of willing workers.

Beggar's Bread

- Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where the bread is.

John 1:40–46 (NKJV) *One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas” (which is translated, A Stone). The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—*

Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

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***John 4:28–30** (NKJV) *The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him. Word Of Mouth the best means of advertising.*

John 15:26–27 (NKJV) *“But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.”*

John 19:35–36 *And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “Not one of His bones shall be broken.”*

When Jesus Urged Patience

- Dear God, please grant me patience immediately. “Are we there yet” We are in the age of fast food. "It takes 6 minutes to microwave this," he says. “Who’s got that kind of time?”
- Psalms 37:7** *Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him;*
- Luke 24:49** (NKJV) *“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”*
- *Revelation 2:3** *“and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.*
- Acts 1:4–5** (NKJV) *And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*
- Acts 16:6–10** (NKJV) ⁶ Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. ⁷ After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. ⁸ So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Exercising Authority

Mark 6:7–13 (NKJV) ⁷ And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. ...¹³ And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

***Matthew 18:18** (NKJV) *“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

Matthew 16:19 (NKJV) *“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*

"The keys" of it are abilities to open and explain the Gospel truths, and a mission and commission from Christ. Peter did it first to the Jews at Pentecost then to the Gentiles at the house of Cornelius. But these keys are used by all believers. The phrase “to bind” and “to loose” was often used by the Jews. It meant to prohibit and to permit. To bind a thing was to forbid it; to loose it, to allow it to be done.

When the Jews set any apart to be a preacher, they used these words, ‘Take thou liberty to teach what is Bound and what is Loose.’”

God would confirm all that they taught; that all might have assurance of forgiveness who would comply with those terms; and that those who did not comply should not be forgiven, but that their sins should be retained.

Hebrews 10:26–27 (NKJV) *For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.*

2 Corinthians 2:12 *Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ’s gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,*

John 20:21–23 (NKJV) *So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”*

Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV) *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

Laborers For The Harvest

Matthew 9:37–38 (NKJV) *Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”*

Lost and Found

***Isaiah 53:6** (NKJV) *All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

Luke 15:32 (NKJV) *It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’*