

Passing on Faith



Prayer

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Series – Passing on Faith

– Designed by God

– Intention for us to Pass on Faith

Light of the World – Phil 2:15

Ambassadors – 2 Cor. 5:18-21

Gospel essential – Rom. 10

Great commission – Matt. 28:18ff

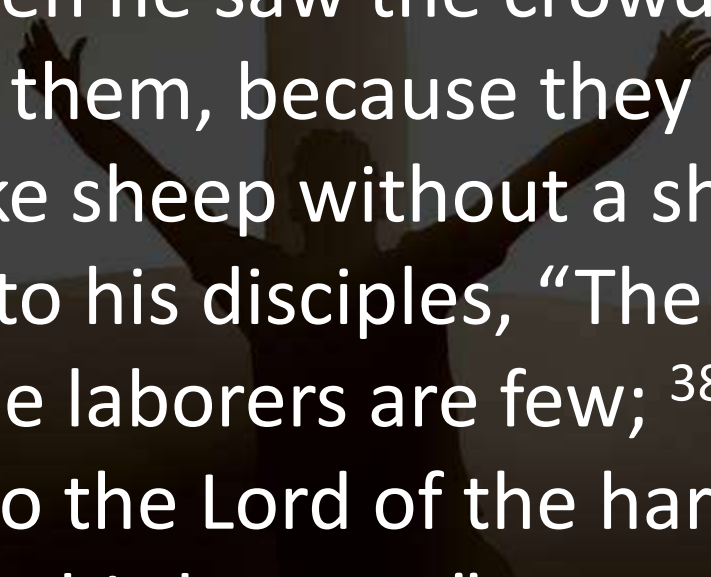
- Challenged you to.....

know your God story – testimony

know God's story – gospel

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Matthew 9:35-38 ³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”



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1. Seeing Reality

- saw the crowds as....
 - harassed, helpless, sheep without a shepherd
- Jesus traveling, speaking, healing
- motivation comes with perspective
- how do you view those apart from God?



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2. Response – Compassion

- literally – moved in ones stomach with pity
- absence of judgment or harshness
- Rom. 9:2 “I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh”

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- Romans 10:1 “Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved”

3. Seeing the Potential

- we often see problems too big for us, and give up in despair

- harvest is plentiful - amazing need here

- Luke 18:24-27 “²⁶ Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ But he said, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

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- John 15:16 “ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you”

- potential is realized by God's hand moving

4. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest

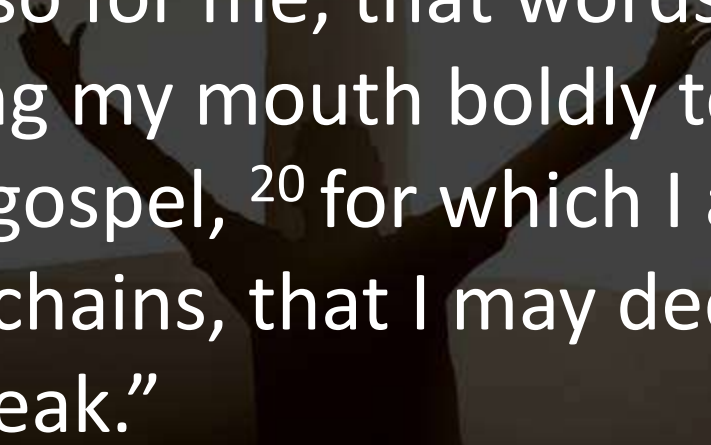
a) see who we are to pray to

- the one desiring the harvest, making it possible

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- mystery to be revealed – Eph. 6:18-20

¹⁸ “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”



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- God opens hearts to hear – Acts 16:14

¹⁴ “One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.”

b) Pray for Workers

- 2 Thess 3:1-2 “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ² and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith”

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c) Send Them

- as lights in the darkness
- as ambassadors of the gospel
- as workers in the harvest you desire



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So What?

1. Ask for God's Perspective

- loved ones, family, friends, communities, world

2. Be Available

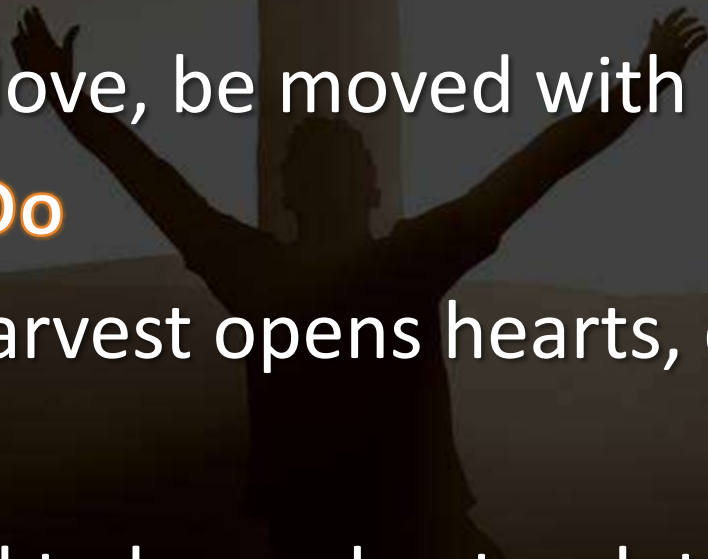
- to feel, care, love, be moved with compassion

3. Trust God to Do

- Lord of the harvest opens hearts, draws people

4. Pray

- for the gospel to be understood, taken to others



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