

# Harvest: A Visible Church Shares Its Faith!

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### Harvest, Pt.1

**Luke 10:2**, *He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."*

**Acts 8:26**, *Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He did not open His mouth. 33 In His humiliation He was deprived of justice. Who can speak of His descendants? For His life was taken from the earth." 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" ... 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.*

**Five Things We Learn About The Harvest From This Passage:**

## **1 - God Uses People Who Are Committed To Their Faith, Their Church, And Understand The GOAL**

**Acts 6:3**, *Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them.*

## **2 - God Will Be Found Every Time He Is SOUGHT**

**Jeremiah 29:12**, *Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.*

**Luke 19:10**, *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

## **3 - We Should Be Flexible In How And Where We REACH PEOPLE**

**1 Corinthians 9:22**, *To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.*

## **4 - He Was Clear About His Message—THE GOSPEL**

**Romans 10:9**, *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame." ... 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

## **5 - If We Are Faithful: The Harvest Will Be PLENTIFUL!**

**Acts 8:6**, *When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said... 8 So there was great joy in that city... 12 But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the Good News of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*

**Matthew 5:14**, *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a*

*bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.*

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