Getting God’s Heart For the Harvest

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Jesus Was Preaching Good News And Healing In All Towns And Villages

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THE GREAT SHEPHERD

• Leads The Sheep
• Guides The Sheep
• Guards The Sheep
• Feeds & Heals The Sheep
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- A Church Of Compassion Is
  God's Care ... Carrying Us So That
  We Can Carry Others
The Harvest Is Plentiful But There Are Few Workers

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• The Harvest Is
  – Those Who Are Lost
  – Those Without Christ
  – Like A Waving Field Of Golden Grain
  – Ripe & Ready To Be Brought In
Many People Today Are Looking For Answers

Recent Poll:

- 71% Don’t Know How Someone Becomes A Christian
- 67% Were Interested In Knowing More About Christianity
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• **IT IS HARVEST TIME:**

• What is 750,000 miles long, reaches around the earth 30 times, and grows 20 miles longer each day?

• **The line of people who are without Christ.**
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JESUS: ON THE HARVEST

• My Harvest Is **Valuable**

• My Harvest Is **Now**

• My Harvest Is **Urgent**
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THE B.I.B.L.E.

• B-asic
• I-nstruction
• B-efore
• L-eaving
• E-arth
God’s Heart For The Harvest is World-Wide

We Must Get The Gospel To Those Who Have Never Heard It Before

“The Gospel Is Only Good News If It Gets There In Time”  Carl F.H. Henry
The Call Of Missions Is A Call To The Whole World

(Mark 16:15 NIV) “Go Into The Whole World And Preach The Gospel”

Everyone Is Valuable To Jesus
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• **What Can We Do? We Can Pray**

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WHY PRAYER?

• Prayer Moves Our Hearts To The Harvest

• Prayer Moves Others To Reach Out In Evangelism And Missions

• Prayer Moves Us To Become Concerned About The Millions Who Have Never Heard About Christ
WHY PRAYER?

• Prayer Opens Our Eyes To See Spiritual Resources

• Prayer Opens Our Hearts To Know Christ
WHY PRAYER?

• Prayer Is The Chosen Vehicle Of Communication With God

• Prayer Is The Chosen Vehicle Of Empowerment By The Spirit

• Prayer Can Ready The Modern Day Church Of Jesus Christ To Be Effective

• Christ Commanded His Disciples to Pray
The Two Greatest Prayer Needs Today

1. For The Lost To Recognize Their Desperate Condition

2. For Christians To Follow Christ’s Call To **Gather The Harvest**
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What Can We Do? WE CAN GO

• Jesus Said “Go”
• To Be Obedient We Must Go

• Multitudes Of Lost People Can Be Reached - If Those Who Are Called -- Will Go!!
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What Can We Do? WE CAN GIVE

• He’s Calling Us To A Heart For The Harvest
• He’s Calling Us To A Heart Of Compassion
• He’s Calling Us To Care For The Lost Little Ones
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• Will You Pray?
• Will You Go?
• Will You Give?