



Bethel South Sermon Notes - “*Harvest Time*”

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Scriptures: John 4, Matthew 9, and Luke 10

Main Idea

God's word over His Church is still **Harvest Time**. The harvest is not somewhere far away—it is all around us. God is calling every believer to participate through prayer, evangelism, and discipleship.

Pastor James shared a prophetic word he received in 2011: "**It's Harvest Time.**"

Over the years, God brought tremendous fruit:

- Thousands saved
- New churches planted
- Expanded ministry impact
- Increased resources and missions

Yet God challenged him:

If the harvest has not yet reached the full measure of what was promised, then the word is still active.

God's promises do not expire simply because time has passed.

If you have not yet seen the fullness of what God promised, the word may still be over your life.

Jesus Sees Harvest Where Others See Obstacles

[John 4:35]

"Lift up your eyes and see that the fields are white for harvest."

Jesus looked at people differently.

Where others saw:

- **resistance**
- **inconvenience**
- **impossibility**

Jesus saw:

- **opportunity**
- **readiness**
- **harvest**

Key Thought: The harvest is not scarce. Our vision often is.

The Harvest Requires Surrender

Jesus said: "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me."

Even when tired, hungry, or inconvenienced, Jesus prioritized the Father's will.

Whose agenda drives your life?

What would change if God's will became your highest priority?

Key Thought: Harvest begins when we exchange "my will" for "Your will."

3 Keys to Living in Harvest Time

1. Prayer [Matthew 9:37–38]

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

Jesus' solution to the harvest problem was not strategy first—it was prayer.

Prayer Should Be:

- **Passionate**
- **Persistent**
- **Consistent**

Prayer is not merely talking to God.

Prayer is a conversation where God speaks and we respond.

7 Ways to Strengthen Your Prayer Life:

1. Give Thanks

Develop a lifestyle of gratitude.

2. Journal With God

Create space to hear His voice and examine your heart.

3. Pray in the Spirit

Allow the Holy Spirit to empower and guide your prayers.

4. Ask for Wisdom

God desires to lead us daily.

5. Pray for Deliverance

Take authority over sin, temptation, and spiritual strongholds.

6. Intercede

Pray for God's desires, not just your own.

7. Receive God's Love

Ask God to show you how deeply He loves you and how to express that love to others.

Key Thought: A church that prays becomes a church that harvests.

2. Evangelism [Luke 10:1–3]

"Go... I am sending you out."

God sends ordinary people to reach others.

You do not need to become someone else to share Jesus.

You can evangelize as the person God created you to be.

Different Evangelism Styles:

Confrontational

Boldly proclaiming truth.

Relational

Building trust and friendship.

Intellectual

Answering questions and defending faith.

Servant

Demonstrating God's love through action.

Prophetic

Sharing what God reveals.

Hospitable

Creating welcoming spaces.

Testimonial

Sharing your personal story.

Key Thought:

There is not one right way to evangelize.

The best evangelism style is the one God wired you to use.

3. Discipleship [John 4]

After the Samaritan woman shared her testimony:

- **Many believed.**
- **Jesus stayed with them.**
- **More believed because of His teaching.**

Key Thought: Evangelism starts the journey. Discipleship continues it.

Discipleship Requires Time

Jesus stayed two extra days.

Relationship takes time.

Transformation takes time.

People grow when someone invests in them.

- **Who are you discipling?**
- **Who are you investing your time into?**
- **Who helped disciple you?**

Final Challenge

The harvest is not somewhere else.

The harvest is:

- **Your workplace**
- **Your neighborhood**
- **Your classroom**
- **Your family**
- **Your friendships**

God is still calling laborers into His harvest field.

The Invitation:

- **Pray earnestly.**
- **Share boldly.**
- **Disciple intentionally.**

When believers say "yes" to God's harvest, lives are changed and entire communities are transformed.

Discussion Questions:

1. **What does "Harvest Time" mean to you personally, and where do you see opportunities for harvest in your everyday life?**
2. **Which of the three areas—prayer, evangelism, or discipleship—comes most naturally to you, and which one challenges you the most?**
3. **Which evangelism style best describes you, and how could God use that style more effectively in your current relationships?**

4. **How has someone else's investment of time and discipleship impacted your spiritual journey?**
5. **What practical step can you take this week to become more intentional about participating in God's harvest?**