

INTRO

- If you had to describe what the church's mission is, what would you say?

READ

John 4:35-36 — the fields are white for harvest
Mt 9:36-38 — the harvest is plentiful, the workers are few

REFLECT & RESPOND

Jesus teaches that God's mission is like a harvest that is already ripe. Unlike physical harvests that require waiting, the spiritual harvest is urgent and present. God invites the Church to partner with Him in bringing people into His Kingdom through compassion, obedience, and faith.

Every believer has a role to play. Some sow, some reap, all participate. Though the work can be costly and uncomfortable, the harvest ends in deep joy as lives are redeemed and God's Kingdom is revealed among the nations.

The harvest is ripe and ready

Q: What does it mean for us to "lift up your eyes"? What usually keeps you from noticing the people God may be drawing?

The harvest needs workers

Jesus sees the harvest, feels compassion, calls us to pray, and then sends us out.

Q: Why does it matter that we first see and feel compassion like Jesus does toward those He may be calling us to reach?

Q: Have you ever sensed God nudging you to step into something uncomfortable for His sake?

Everyone has a role

Which response is most relevant for you right now:

- Praying

- Giving
- Going

Q: Jesus invites, not forces. How does that change the way you view obedience?

The harvest ends in joy

Q: How does the vision of people from every nation worshiping Jesus shape your view of mission today?

Practical Application

- **Lift up your eyes** to notice others and see them the way God sees them.
- **Pray** intentionally for them by name and for opportunities.
- **Act** on one simple prompting from the Holy Spirit.

PRAY

- Pray for open eyes to see the harvest around us.
- For hearts shaped by compassion.
- Willingness to respond when God invites us.
- Boldness and willingness to take practical steps.