

10:02 Prayer



Overview

Disciple-Makers world wide are taking the command of Jesus in Luke 10:2 and Matthew 9:38 seriously. They are asking God earnestly - "beseeching" him - to thrust an unprecedented number of laborers into the ripe and ripening harvest fields. Whether you are a seasoned missionary or just starting to form a team to reach your neighborhood, this is a simple yet powerful habit to begin.

Understanding this Command

Jesus sent out the 12 (Luke 9-1-6) and then the 72 others (Luke 10:1) to prepare the way for every village and town Jesus would enter. Jesus observed that: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." He then commanded His disciples to: "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

1. There is a great and ready harvest but far too few laborers.
2. The Lord of the harvest is up to the task of answering prayer and sending vast numbers of laborers into harvest in places all over the world.
3. We are not asking for laborers who need to be persuaded or convinced. We are asking for disciples-makers who are highly motivated for seeing God's Kingdom expand. (The Greek word for "Send Forth." is a very forceful, almost violent term. It is used for casting out a demon, for example.)

Getting Started

1. Set your watch alarm to go off at 10:02 every day. (You can use 9:38 based on Matthew's Gospel if you prefer).
2. When your alarm goes off, follow Jesus' simple command by praying for more laborers (disciple-makers) for the harvest.
3. Invite others to join you in this prayer. You may even want to call or text each other to agree in prayer together.

Helpful Tips

1. Don't think that since this is a simple prayer that it won't have significant results. There are numerous testimonies from around the world where missionaries started with this prayer and saw amazing results.
2. It is helpful to ask for a particular geographical area like your neighborhood, community or place of employment. This way you will see the answered prayer first hand.
3. This is not a one-time request. Consider the parable of the persistent widow in Luke 18. Don't give up even if you pray it 700 days in a row.