

TAKEAWAY

Let's Go! Part 2

The World Needs To Hear About Jesus

DESIRED OUTCOMES

To see that there is an onus on Jesus' followers to pray for more 'workers who share Him with others.

To be encouraged to act by what Jesus says about the 'harvest fields' around us.

SHARE

How do you feel about talking to others about your core beliefs? (Some possible words: glad, excited, scared, challenged, uncertain...)

How much do you pray for other people to hear about and respond to Jesus?

PRAY

Pray for what comes up at some point in the session. Is there anything you feel like you're waiting for in your life? Pray for what comes up at some point in the session.

READ

Matthew 9:35-38

DISCUSS

Why is it a problem for sheep to be without a shepherd? How is this like humanity without Jesus?

What perspective did Jesus have on those who were 'shepherdless' ie who hadn't encountered and embraced him? How does this shape the instructions He gives to the disciples?

What perspective do you have on the spiritual state of those who aren't followers of Jesus? How far does it match up with His?

Jesus says the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few - why do we tend to believe the opposite? What encouragement is there here? How are we meant to act on it?

Why does Jesus ask his disciples to pray for more workers, rather than just encouraging them to be greater workers themselves?

Why does God use us, rather than just do all the work of reaching people by Himself? What does this say about Him and about us?

We may feel harassed and helpless even WITH Jesus! How can we be encouraged that He will still use us even though we are flawed and weak?

TRY OUT

Could you make a list of 5 people you know who aren't Christians and pray for them every day? (Maybe set an alarm on your phone). Could you then report back after doing this for 30 days - did anything happen to you or the 5 listed people?

PRAY

Pray in line with what Jesus said in the passage!