

Looking at the Field Manual

Mt. 9:35-38

Aim: The purpose of this sermon is to examine how Christians can practically apply the basic principles observed in the heartfelt prayer of Jesus. The two key words to draw your attention to in this text are *Harvest* and *Workers*.

Five Chapters of the Christian Field Manual

About the Author – Jesus Christ is the Author of Life

- This main point will quickly focus looking at the basic authority of Jesus Christ upon this earth and in the heavens. It will help us put His prayers, requests, and commands in the proper perspective.
- **John 1:1-5, 10** – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

Chapter 1 – Understand Who We Were

- This main point will start us off by focusing on our fallen history as human beings in which we had no hope because we were separate from the Savior.
 - Note: Many people are still separate and it is our command to go to them and give them the message of hope.
- **Eph. 2:1-3** – As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Chapter 2 – Understand Who We Are

- This main point will focus on the fact that when we unite ourselves with Jesus Christ as our Savior then we are given unconditional hope with an eternal future of joy and happiness. Remember: Because we have been given hope, we cannot keep it a secret but we must spread that hope to others.
- **Eph. 5:8-10** – For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.

Chapter 3 – Take in Your Surroundings

- This main point focuses on helping you realize where you live right now and that you are really living for your true home, Heaven. Satan will try to bring you down while you are on this earth. You are in enemy territory.

- **Romans 5:12** – Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

Chapter 4 – Assess the Situation

- This main point will focus on recognizing that you are in enemy territory and that you have people dying an eternal death all around you. The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.
- **Mt. 10:16** – I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

Chapter 5 – Respond with Action

- This final point will focus on how we as Christians can become Christians of action and become workers in the harvest field as well as pray for workers to be sent out into the harvest field.
- **Mt. 28:19-20** – Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Memory Verse:

Matthew 9:37-38 – Then he (*Jesus*) said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Sermon Associated With Core Practice #7 – We are fully persuaded that the gospel is to be spread locally and around the world by every member of the Body of Christ and that it is the duty of the elders and ministers to equip the saints for this work. *Eph. 4:11-13*



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