



# A PLENTIFUL HARVEST.

We have a hard time picturing what it means to go hungry in America. When we need something to eat, we just go straight to the supermarket or out for fast food and curb our hunger almost immediately. There is restaurant after restaurant along the side of Kingston Pike and new places opening everyday where we can enjoy foods from all over the planet. In fact, in 2010, Knoxville was listed as having more restaurant's per capita than any other city in the USA. We certainly have no shortage of food.

Yet there is another type of harvest available. That is the harvest for the Kingdom of God. All around you are people who are living apart from Christ and need to be won to the Kingdom. People are hurting, bitter, perhaps simply ignorant of the gospel - people who are your friends, your family, neighbors, and co-workers. Just as you should never want for food in Knoxville, you should never be lacking someone with whom you can share the Kingdom.

# IN THE BIBLE.

## **Luke 10:2**

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

## **John 4:34-38**

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.

## **Matthew 28:16-19**

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

# QUESTIONS.

- 1.) Does sharing your faith come easily to you? How does our call to “reap the harvest” make you feel?
- 2.) How/when can you intentionally pray this week for God to “send out workers into his harvest field?”
- 3.) Can you think of someone you know personally right now who needs the Gospel? What are you doing/can you do to reach that person?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?