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Sermon Notes
Discipleship Training Series:
"The Gift: You are Gifted for the Harvest!"
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How do I use my Spiritual Gifts?

Luke 10:1-37

Observations about using your gifts:

1. You have to be willing and available to be sent out. (Matthew 16:24)
2. You have to be in prayer. This is about being in a relationship with Jesus. (John 15:5)
3. You will bear fruit. (John 15)
 - a. We are awake about 112 hours each week. We are in church about 4 hours. The rest of our week is about 108 hours.
 - b. God wants you to use your gifts during the rest of the time you are living your life.

Characteristics of The Harvest (Luke 10:1-12)

1. Bringing peace
2. Bringing healing
3. Declaring the Kingdom of God

A Picture of the early church living in the Harvest (Acts 2:42-47)

1. They hung out
2. They ate together
3. They gave when there was need
4. Day by day they prayed together
5. Day by day God added to their numbers because of a lifestyle of being on mission.

The 72 return (Luke 10:17-19)

1. When you use your gifts for the harvest, exciting things happen.
2. Ephesians 4:8 He put this before he listed the gifts. He gave gifts to men.
3. This is a quote from Psalms 68:18. The King over all the world keeps expanding his kingdom. When he conquered the whole world, he took captives and gave gifts to people.
4. God is sovereign. Jesus is God. Jesus has the right to give spiritual gifts.

This is the context for the story of the good Samaritan. (vs 25-37)

1. A lawyer asked what he had to do to receive eternal life.
2. Jesus told him to love God and love his neighbor.
3. He asked who his neighbor was.
4. Answer: the one who showed mercy.

Boxes in our lives

1. We have compartments in our lives that we don't think are supposed to touch each other. We don't think different areas of our lives connect.
2. My "God" box has little to do with my "work" box.
3. Why did Jesus choose the Samaritan as the good guy? He saw a connection between the 4 hours and the 108 hours of living his life.
4. Using our gifts for the harvest: showing mercy to your neighbor.
5. A neighbor is anyone who is close by. Any person in need.
6. 1 Corinthians 10:31 Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God.
7. Colossians 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.
8. Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily as for the Lord and not for men.

Conclusion: How do we use our spiritual gifts?

1. We have to be willing and available.
2. We have to be in a relationship with Jesus.
3. We recognize that we have the power and authority from Jesus.
4. We use it for the glory of God.

Wherever you are, everywhere, all the time is where we use our spiritual gifts. Wherever you see a need in front of you.

The harvest is all around us.