Victory Connect Lesson Harvest Lights Pastor Paul Daugherty December 8, 2024

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Introduction: Jesus shed light on the nearness of the harvest for the disciples. While they were looking for lunch, Jesus was focused on His mission, the lost.

- **1.** God thinks bigger than we do. We can ask for nations. Psa 2:8 NLT Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession.
- **2. Jesus came as a light to this world.** Jhn 1:9 KJV [That] was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Jhn 9:5 KJV As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. Mat 4:16a KJV The people which sat in darkness saw great light...
- **3.** Jesus said you and I are the light of the world. Mat 5:14 ESV "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."
- **4.** Our light shines in the world through generosity. Mat 5:16 ESV In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.
- **5. Everyone in this world needs the light from God.** Luk 14:23 KJV And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel [them] to come in, **that my house may be filled.** Mar 16:15 KJV And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel **to every creature**.

6. The world of the generous grows brighter.

Pro 11:24-25 NLT - Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Share a time you gave at the leading of the Lord, and it opened a season of harvest and blessing?
- 2. When did you first realize you had a responsibility to share the gospel with others?
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