

No. 66 Will You Be a Worker in the Harvest?

PLEASE NOTE: Motivate progressive Bible students to share zealously in the preaching work. Help them overcome obstacles to doing so. If you wish, you may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

MORE HARVEST WORKERS ARE NEEDED (3 min.)

When Jesus was on earth, his main work was to preach the good news of God's Kingdom
[Read Matthew 9:35-38]

He compared the preaching work to a harvest and said that more workers were needed
[Image 1]

The need for workers was urgent in Jesus' day; it is just as urgent today
Are you sharing as fully as possible in this important work?

WHY DO WE PREACH THE GOOD NEWS? (10 min.)

We preach because we love Jehovah, Jesus, and fellow humans (Mt 22:37-39)

We love Jehovah

We want to sanctify Jehovah's name before mankind (Mt 6:9; w18.05 18 ¶4)

Our love moves us to tell others about Jehovah's ways and qualities (Ps 145:7-12)

We love Jesus

We are grateful for what Jesus has done for us (Mt 20:28)

Our love moves us to obey his command to preach and teach [Read Matthew 28:19, 20]

We love fellow humans

The Kingdom message gives people comfort and hope (Ps 37:10, 11) [Image 2]

We want others to benefit from knowing the truth, just as we have (Joh 8:32)

To gain everlasting life, people need to hear the good news and respond favorably [Read Romans 10:13, 14]

HOW CAN YOU OVERCOME OBSTACLES TO SHARING IN THE HARVEST? (13 min.)

Some hold back from sharing the good news with others

They may fear ridicule or opposition from family members, workmates, or neighbors (Mt 10:16, 36)

Others are shy or think that they lack sufficient Bible knowledge

What can help you overcome such obstacles?

Remember that you are not alone in this work

Jesus promised to support his followers (Mt 28:20; w14 11/15 6 ¶15)

Work along with experienced Witnesses, who can help you improve your skills (Lu 10:1)

Prepare in advance what you want to say

Think of a Bible teaching that touched your heart; then plan how you will introduce the topic in a way that will interest others (Col 4:6; w19.07 15 ¶6-7)

Make use of the sample conversations discussed at the midweek meetings (w21.08 25 ¶18)

Do not hold back because of having limited Bible knowledge

If someone asks you a question that you cannot answer, you can do research and then share what you learned (2Ti 2:15)

Many begin to share in the harvest by witnessing informally to family, friends, and workmates

Pray to Jehovah for faith and courage

He will give you the strength you need (Ac 4:29, 31; w20.09 5-6 ¶12-13)

Learn from Bible examples

Jehovah has strengthened others to proclaim his message (Jer 1:6-8; 1Th 2:2)

WHY IS THE HARVEST WORK URGENT NOW? (4 min.)

Now is the time to have a zealous share in the harvest work (Mt 24:14)

The end of this system of things is rapidly approaching (Zep 1:14)

Jehovah wants people to turn to him before it is too late (Zep 2:2, 3)

You and those who listen to you can gain the prospect of everlasting life (1Ti 4:16)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]

TO BE COVERED IN 30 MINUTES

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