

GENESIS

begin. belong. believe.

'the harvest is plentiful'

(part of 'the Ask' series – 9/16/12)

Big idea . . .

In a game there are generally two kinds of people – those in the game and those who watch. Too often this is also true in the church. As we ask God to do God-sized things in our lives and GENESIS, we need to be a people that understand our call to be 'workers' sent by God into His great harvest (Matthew 9:37-38). What an amazing yet humbling truth – God wants to use us to bring others into His Kingdom.

Discussion Questions . . .

1. It's helpful to remember those who have impacted us for God – those who modeled Christianity for us, taught us, mentored us, and encouraged us along the way. Who are some of these people in your life, and what was it that they did to point you toward God? Spend some time thanking God for these 'workers' – men and women who were willing to be used by God to impact you for God.
2. If you are a Christian, a follower of Jesus, then you are a 'worker.' God wants to use you to reach others for Him – to encourage others towards Him – to equip others to walk with Him. But, life as a way of taking would be workers and turning them into spectators. Are you being a spectator or are you in the game as a worker for the Kingdom? If a worker, where do you see God using you right now as a worker? If you are a spectator, what is keeping you in the stands? In what ways could you start moving from a spectator to a worker? What would you do this week to start that move?
3. Read [Matthew 9:35-38](#) together. What did Jesus see when he looked out on people and the crowds that were around him? What do you see when you look out on the people in your life – at work, during your commute, while walking the neighbor, etc.?
4. Jesus had compassion on the crowds that moved him to action. Are you a compassionate person? Do you want to be a compassionate person? Share some examples from your life of compassion received, and compassion given. God says that His compassions never fail, that they are new every morning ([Lamentations 3:22-23](#)). What would it practically look like to 'receive' God's compassion on a daily basis so that we have compassion to give from the compassion received?

Announcements –

- **the Well** – an evening of worship & prayer this Friday, September 21st at 8PM. Leading us in worship will be worship pastor candidate Matt Beckler.
- **this Sunday** – leading worship at both the 9AM & 11AM will be worship pastor candidate Matt Beckler.
- **'workers'** – sign-up today to be a 'worker' at GENESIS. Learn more about SERVING with GENESIS by visiting the GENESIS website – <http://www.genesisjourney.com/blog/post/do-you-see-what-i-see>
- **the City** – GENESIS will launch the City on Sunday, September 30th. The City will be a new way for GENESIS to communicate and connect with one another. Learn more about the City via the GENESIS Blog – www.genesisjourney.com/blog
- **Trash Day** – GENESIS will gather at 4PM on Sunday, October 7th in the Woburn Common to pick-up trash in and around the City. We've told the Mayor's office that there will be 100 people ready to serve and bless the City of Woburn.

sunday worship gathering at 9am & 11AM www.genesisjourney.com