

Here Am I, Send Me

Lesson 2: The Need to Be Sent

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

1. In Isaiah 6:5 we see Isaiah's response to God's holiness. First, he cries out to the Lord that he is a man of unclean lips. But it doesn't stop there. What is the very next statement that Isaiah makes?

2. As Isaiah was confronted by the living God, he recognized that it wasn't just about himself and his personal sinfulness. There was an immediate calling for others—for the lost of his city. Being "sent" isn't solely about going somewhere. Being sent means that you have a heart that sees the need for sharing Jesus into people's lives. Do you truly have a sent heart?

If not, explain what those barriers that are keeping you from this kind of heart? (These are all perceptions that are keeping you from having a sent heart. These barriers could be lack of education, or lack of Bible knowledge, or "I'm not a people person.") Be honest about what the barriers are.

Specifically, what would it take for those barriers in your life to be removed?

3. Read Colossians 4:2-6, then answer the following questions.

a. What does Paul request in verse 2 regarding our prayers?

b. What does Paul ask that they pray for in verse 3?

c. What is the 2nd request that Paul asks this church to pray for in verse 4?

d. In verse 5, Paul gives us two commands. What are they?

e. Paul gives us two additional commands in verse 6. List them, then write the purpose behind these commands.

f. Now, put all of these together as it relates to being “sent” to tell others about the love of Jesus. What is Paul telling us here in these verses? List everything below into 1-2 sentences in your own words.

While there are clear places in Scripture where God tells us to “Go,” (Abraham, Moses, Joseph & Mary, the disciples), the Bible also makes it clear that being sent is also an attitude of the heart.

4. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your “sent heart” for reaching out to others? (1 = I don’t think I have a heart; 10 = I can’t wait to get out there and share/show the love of Jesus). What can you do (or be) to improve this number?

5. What privilege did Isaiah ask to be granted in Isaiah 6:8?

6. What were Jesus' instructions to the man He sent out in Mark 5:19?

7. Write John 20:21 below, then pray and ask the Lord what His desires are for you in this area?

8. Write an action plan below that you will start taking to move your heart towards being a sent one.