

HOW TO ENCOURAGE CHURCH MEMBERS TO SERVE AND BE KINGDOM LABORERS

Figuring out how to encourage church members to serve and become Kingdom Laborers can be a challenge. But it helps to reframe it as something we “Get To” do for Him...



“GET TO” VS. “HAVE TO”

The “Get To”s are what make the “Have To”s tolerable.

In Matthew 9, Jesus gives one of His most powerful and imploring statements: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

These words are a call from Jesus to be part of His mission of reaching people with the Gospel; to use our gifts and talents to serve Him and His work; to be Laborers for the Kingdom and to make an impact for Christ.

What we read here is Jesus seeing, not just the pain and need, but also the opportunity.

- The opportunity to love and care
- The opportunities to meet needs and bring hope
- The opportunities to encourage and remind people they are not alone

He is giving us a “Get To.”

And that’s the key to discovering how to encourage church members to serve God—to highlight what we “Get To” do as Kingdom Laborers.

WHAT WE “GET TO” DO AS BELIEVERS

• We “Get To” use the gifts He has given us.

In 1 Peter 4:10 we read, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” God has taken the time to design each of us with specific gifts and talents.

• We “Get To” be part of something bigger than ourselves.

Paul, in 1 Corinthians, gives us the description of being part of the “body.” As part of the Body of Christ, we have this amazing opportunity to use our gifts as part of something bigger than ourselves. No gift is too small. No gift is insignificant. No gift is meaningless, because all gifts are from God.

• We “Get To” answer the call to be laborers.

In Mark 2, while teaching and healing, a man is lowered through the ceiling right to the feet of Jesus. This man is paralyzed. If somehow Jesus could heal him and make him walk, everything would change. While Jesus was fully aware of all that would change if He healed the man’s legs, He also knew there was something much more important.

We read these words, “When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’” Jesus didn’t start with the physical; he started with the heart.



WE “GET TO” BE PART OF HIS WORK OF LOVING PEOPLE, BRINGING THEM TO JESUS, AND WATCHING HIM CHANGE THEIR LIVES.