

## **Acts 1:8 - Indispensables for Being a Laborer**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. One of the basic responsibilities of a leader is to equip laborers to be their best for Christ in their own personal lives. (Ephesians 4:11, Mark 4)
- B. Christ sent the Apostles out with the intent of making and maturing disciples.
- C. Jesus viewed the crowds as a shepherd-less bewildered flock and as a harvest (Matthew 9:36-38, Matthew 23, John 4:34)
- D. The answer to the harvest is the laborer.
  - 1. A laborer is a common worker.
  - 2. A laborer is launched out into the harvest.

### II. Challenges to laboring.

- A. What is wrong with the harvest - it is hard work. We must acknowledge that we will never own the field. (Colossians 1:29)
- B. There is a problem with the harvest - there will be difficulties such as rejection. (Matthew 10:1, 10:14)
  - 1. The problems is that the world preaches comfort.
  - 2. If something is easy, it does not necessarily mean that it is right.

### III. Jesus was a laboring supervisor. (Matthew 11:1, John 9:4, Galatians 4:19, 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 5:12, 1 Timothy 5:17)

- A. There cannot be any room for a lazy man in the work of Christ.
- B. The disciples “addicted” themselves to the work of laboring. (1 Corinthians 16:15-16)

### IV. It was always Christ through us that we can be a laborer. (Romans 15:18-19)

- A. We can only rely on the Spirit for effective power to witness. (1 Corinthians 2:2-3)\
- B. The success of the witness depends upon the Spirit - we must rely completely on God and live under His control. (2 Corinthians 10:4)

### V. Indispensables.

- A. A lifetime of hard work.

- B. Doing it all in the power of the Holy Spirit - a complete reliance upon God.
- C. Know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- D. Commit yourself to being a lifetime laborer in the Lord and pray for it.

### **Application questions**

1. Why is it so difficult to be a laborer? What challenges have you faced in discipling others?

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2. What is the solution to this great problem according to Scripture? What does this look like practically?

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3. What kind of principles do you need to practice to be an effective laborer?

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