

Lack of Faith

Another reason for the scarceness of workers may be a lack of faith. Perhaps one lacks faith in God's protection and provision over their lives. Possibly one lacks faith that the person hearing the Gospel will ever change.

There are many scenarios where a lack of faith might impact the number of laborers.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)

If one is lacking faith to believe that God changes lives... look at your own life! He changed yours! Look at the lives of sincere Christians everywhere! Their lives have been changed by God also.

God makes it clear, one source of faith comes from hearing His Word! Make sure you are putting yourself in situations where you can get the Word of God into your hearts!

Lack of Love

While we pray that this does not apply to any of us, it is possible that workers are few because the love of God is lacking or under-developed in one's life. This would assuredly be a sad commentary about such an individual, but it is a valid possibility.

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." (1 John 4:8)

The source of our love for others is the love of God that we as Christians have experienced. God makes it clear that if we do not love, we do not know God. Therefore, we need to increase our knowing of God and allow Him to love others through us.

Busy-ness

Another answer for the lack of laborers in the harvest might be that people are too busy.

What does it mean to be "too busy" to share the Gospel with others? Is it that one is doing their own thing and doesn't have time to obey God?

"And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. (21) So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind." (Luke 14:20-21)

God seems to indicate that if we are "too busy" to obey His desires... we are busy with the WRONG THINGS!

So What Is The Solution? I AM and YOU ARE!

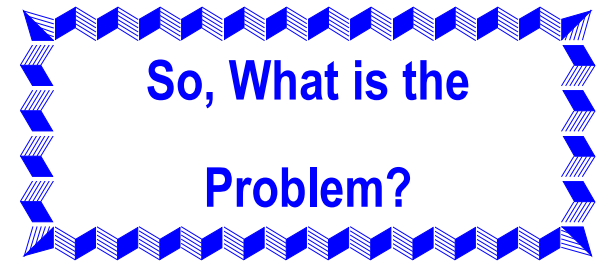
The problem is the **lack of workers** and the solution is simple... **We need to go and LABOR in the harvest fields!**

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (14) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:13-14)

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

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"And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen." (Psalm 72:19)

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,"
(Revelation 14:6)

It is very clear that God's desire is for the whole earth to be filled with His glory and to have the Gospel preached to the people who dwell on the earth. God will have believers from every nation, every kindred, every tongue, and every people group.

So, why are most solid, Bible teaching churches, half full?

What is the problem?

There are a number of possible answers to this question; therefore, we will look at some of them and see what God says the issue is.

Weakness of the Savior?

Is it even possible to think that the reason people don't come to Jesus is because He (Jesus) is too weak to save them?

GOD FORBID!

SO, WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Jesus is our **MIGHTY GOD!** He is able to **SAVE TO THE UTTERMOST!**

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **The mighty God**, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”* (Isaiah 9:6)

*“Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”* (Hebrews 7:25)

Weakness of the Message?

Another possible answer to why people do not come to Jesus is because of the message being weak.

GOD FORBID!

God says that the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is His POWER unto salvation!

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for **it is the power of God** unto salvation to every one that believeth...”* (Romans 1:16)

Lack of Funding?

Perhaps the church lacks the financial support to spread the message? While there certainly seems to be weaknesses in the areas of stewardship, does it seem possible that a lack of money could hinder God from getting His Gospel message out throughout the world?

GOD FORBID!

God's Word clearly tells us that there is no lack of provision from God!

“For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.”
(1 Corinthians 10:26)

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

People are not Ready to Receive it?

Maybe the problem is that people are simply not ready to receive the Gospel message? Perhaps it is an issue of timing?

GOD FORBID!

Jesus tells us that the harvest fields are “white”... they are ripe and ready for harvesting!

Does this mean that everyone who hears the Gospel will respond and receive Jesus? Of course not. However, it does mean that some who hear the message of Jesus **WILL RESPOND!**

Some ARE READY! Some ARE RIPE!

*“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and **look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.**”* (John 4:35)

The Problem - Laborers are too Few!

“Then saith he unto his disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;**” (Matthew 9:37)

Jesus tells us plainly what the problem is... **a lack of workers!**

Some things never change. In Jesus' day the issue was a shortage of laborers... today, the church suffers from the same malady.

Why are the Laborers too Few?

Of course, there many possible reasons for an insufficiency in the number of workers needed. We will only look at a few of them here.

Fear

Many are simply afraid to share their faith. Some have believed the lie that we ought never discuss "religion and politics". BOTH are discussed throughout the Bible!

Jesus tells us Who we should and should not be afraid of...

*“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: **but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**”* (Matthew 10:28)

Also, if you are fearful to share the Gospel with people... you are in good company. The Apostle Paul, on more than one occasion, asked for prayer that he would be BOLD!

*“And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, **that I may open my mouth boldly**, to make known the mystery of the **gospel,**”*
(Ephesians 6:19)

Therefore, like the Apostle Paul, overcome fear with prayers for God's boldness!