

HOW TO KEEP FROM MISSING THE HARVEST

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Part 2

- There is a harvest of people with spiritual needs. They need Jesus Christ.
- What if **your** knowledge of Christ could literally _____ the course of their life and of their eternal destiny?

First, begin close to home. (covered in Part 1)

- Look out your window. There is a mission field right there for you to reap a harvest.

Second, be a _____ to the lost.

- If all I ever do is talk to believers, how many people am I going to lead to Christ?
- Jesus was sarcastically called a “_____ of sinners.”
- Have you ever thought of having a “Matthew party?”

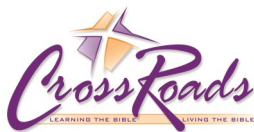
Third, get your _____ on the harvest.

- There was a group that continually missed the harvest – it was the scribes and the Pharisees. vs. 3, 11, 34

- The Pharisees were very inwardly focused – worried about their positions, their traditions, their preferences, the running of their religious system, what seat they had, etc.
- It is so easy for believers to take on the _____ focused attitude of the Pharisees.
- Most of the people in this chapter were not reached in the synagogue. They were reached in their homes, in their places of business, and in the streets of the city.
- Verse 36 states, “*But when he saw...*”
- We have to get our eyes off of ourselves and onto the harvest.

In order to reach people for Christ, it takes people who are willing to work in God’s harvest fields.

Our prayer should be, “Lord, help us not to _____ the harvest.”



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