

# I Want MORE (Part 7)

Sunday, April 16, 2023  
10:30 AM

## Matthew 5:6

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

We began by asking...

1. Do I BELIEVE MORE is AVAILABLE?
2. Do I DESIRE MORE in MY LIFE?
3. Am I WILLING to MAKE ROOM for MORE?
4. WHAT will I ASK God for MORE OF?

So far we have sought to answer the desire for more with these suggestions...

I WANT MORE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD  
I WANT MORE TRUST AND PEACE  
I WANT MORE FRUIT  
I WANT MORE RECOGNITION OF WHO JESUS IS  
I WANT MORE ANOINTING

I WANT MORE SOULS FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

## Luke 14:16-23

“Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ ““Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.”

If we want more souls for God's Kingdom, we need....

## More Passion

...of the master

He's not satisfied with just a few, he's not satisfied with a lot, he wants His house to be full

Matthew 9:35-38

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, **“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.** Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.””

Interacting with the lost ignites a passion for a harvest of souls for God's Kingdom

Seeing the harvest gives us more passion for the lost

Prayer for the lost unites us with God's passion for the lost

John 14:2 NKJV

“In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”

Our heart needs to be the heart of God. He is not willing that anyone should perish (2 peter 3:15)

The one is just as important to him as the 99 and like the lost coin in Luke chapter 15 of Luke we must do whatever it takes to find it

## Better Position

The point of the parable is that we must position ourselves where the lost are

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Go out

Go further out

They are not going to come to the party no matter what changes we might make. We spend more time trying to make the banquet more attractive than we do going out and getting people to come to what has already been prepared

### **1 Corinthians 9:19-23**

"Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

Notice the places he tells us to go are not pretty and glamorous... And the people he calls us to reach are hurting, needy people

## Continued Persistence

The parable reminds us of the need of persistence in the ministry of reconciliation. It may not happen the first time, or the second or the third or the fourth... But we continue to take the message of God's love and plan for salvation to the world

### 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

And that's what we are trying to do... Can I take a minute to brag on you church

STL \$8,000 this past year

BGMC \$7,000 will be taken to camp this summer

12th out 224 churches in Arizona in AGWM Giving (and of the churches that gave more than CDO they are 4, 5, 6 even 10 times our size or more)

## Increased Patience

sometimes it takes time for the seed to grow. Water it with love, compassion and the truth of God's Word

### 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

"What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."

The prodigal son's father watched for that boy to come home every day until at last he did. He waited and wept and prayed and

## Abundant Provision

Often when we think of provision, we think of meeting material needs. And that is important. Jesus met physical needs.

But more importantly Jesus met spiritual needs.

John 6:48-51

“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.””

## Greater Power

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.””