



PREPARING FOR HARVEST: A GUIDE TO EASTER EVANGELISM

Leadership Group Guide - March 2024

“When he (Jesus) 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.’” (Matthew 9:36-38 NIV)

Harvest time signifies the ripeness of crops, ready for picking. Without swift harvesting, crops may spoil and be lost. In times of abundance, extra hands are required to ensure every fruit is gathered for purposeful use. Jesus illustrates that just as crops are ready for harvest, so too are people ripe for inclusion in His kingdom.

Easter is a time when people are most open to Christ. Studies show that most non-Christians would attend an Easter service if invited by a close friend or loved one. As followers of Christ, Jesus is calling us to be active workers in his harvest field. This makes Easter a great opportunity to help people come to faith in Christ.

We believe we're on the cusp of a new season of revival, and we pray this Easter will help to spark it. As small group leaders, how do we prepare for this upcoming harvest?

Getting Ready for the Harvest:

- Focus on relational evangelism, think “each one, reach one.”
 - Who is one person in my life that God is calling me to reach in this season?
- Focus on non-Christians or backslidden Christians, not Christians who attend other churches.
 - We honor and stand alongside other churches, avoiding any practice of uprooting people from where they are planted. Direct your energy towards reaching the lost.

Preparing Small Groups for the Harvest:

- Our Small groups must focus on Pearlside members and unreached guests.
 - Our focus is to disciple members and to reach those far from God.
- Tripods should lead by example in relational evangelism.
- Encourage intentional outreach efforts to connect with the lost and backslidden Christians.
- Help group members identify individuals in their lives whom God has placed on their hearts.
 - Pray for people by name.
 - Invite that person for coffee or lunch within the next 2-3 weeks.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- As members of the tripod, who are you reaching out to this season leading up to Easter?
- How can you assist your groups in preparing to reach out to non-Christians before Easter?

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for your “one” by name that God would soften their heart and open their eyes to the gospel.
- Pray for your group to be active in reaching their “one.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All Leaders Summit | Saturday, April 27, 2024

We are so grateful for what you do as Small Group Leaders and Coaches. We wouldn't be the church we are today if not for your commitment to partner with us in expanding God's Kingdom.

More information on this will be emailed to you within the month. Save the date and we hope to see you there!

Annual Financial Meeting | Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Pearlside's annual financial meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at the Main Campus in Classroom 1 at 7:00 pm.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by emailing info@pearlside.org by 12:00 pm, Monday, April 1.