

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**July 9, 2017**  
**Due Season**  
**7: Impacting Your World**

**TEXT:** Ecclesiastes 3:1 / Matthew 9:35-38

As part of our instruction for 2017, the Lord said, “study seasons.” We are seeing three seasons overlap: Unprecedented blessing on those who dwell close to Him. Ezekiel 34:26, harvest from the years of planting Galatians 6:9, an open window to reach people 2 Timothy 4:2.

We are looking at bringing in the harvest of souls: motivation - there really is a hell, and Jesus is the only way to avoid it. We are to leaven the world, not the other way around. We have an open window of opportunity, but we have to take our Christian life seriously. **How do we do the Great Commission in Tucson in the 21st century?**

Last week, we acknowledged that we each have the capacity and the call to invade our own world. You are where you are today on a mission from God. You have a story to tell. You are the answer to someone's prayer. Be the Shepherd of your “congregation” where you are.

- 1) **Pray:** For people
  - a) Listen to the people around you. Their conversations are reports about needs in their lives. Pray in your closet. Make a list and use it!!!! James 1:19-20
  - b) Pray for problem people: Bless don't curse. Look for the opening. Matt 5:44-45
  - c) Pray for open doors: Col 4:3
    - i) Open doors are usually a result of conversations: **Listen!!!!**. Don't join the complaining, commiserating society.
    - ii) Needs in others are opportunities for you to be a blessing
      - (1) Pray. Put them on the prayer list and tell them you did it.
      - (2) Do something tangible – help! Your good deeds are the Lord shining in the workplace. Matthew 5:16
  - d) Pray for boldness to share when the door opens: Acts 4:29. (See Wisdom below)
- 2) **Pray:** For favor.
  - a) Favor is defined as “friendly regard shown toward another especially by a superior.” It means people like you and give you favorable treatment for no good reason.
  - b) The Bible is full of instances of favor for God's people:

- i) Remember the Israelites. Exodus 12:35-36
    - ii) Queen Esther saved Israel because she had favor with the king. Esther 5:2, 8:5-6
    - iii) Nehemiah (Nehemiah 2:5), Joseph (Acts 7:10)
  - c) We have favor with men because we find favor with God. Proverbs 3:3-4
  - d) Favor was a key to early church growth: Acts 2:46-47
  - e) You are surrounded with favor: Psalms 5:12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.
    - i) Favor will make friends that shouldn't like you
    - ii) Favor will open doors that shouldn't open
    - iii) Beginning today, **expect** to be treated with favor. Speak favor over yourself. “I am surrounded with favor. People just like me for no reason.”
- 3) **Pray:** for wisdom –
  - a) You are promised wisdom if you ask in faith: James 1:5-6. Once I pray, I believe I have it!
  - b) Boldness is not the same as being obnoxious and argumentative.
    - i) Wisdom recognize when and what to share. God knows each person and their receptors.
    - ii) If you are at work, do your job. You are not paid to pray or preach. Doing those on company time is stealing.
  - c) God will give you His wisdom as it applies to problems on the job.
- 4) Last week the Lord told us: love never fails, be aware of the people right in front of you, realize that God wants to bless people more than you do, and He chose to use flawed people to do it. You can do this!

**"The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace." '**  
**(Numbers 6:24-26)**