

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**July 30, 2017**  
**Due Season**  
**9: One Life at a Time**

**TEXT:** Ecclesiastes 3:1 / Matthew 9:35- 10:1

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: 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?**

You enlisted to be the shepherd of the flock where you are. Now we are going beyond our normal daily routine, I want to talk about strategy for impacting our world. According to Oxford Dictionary, a strategy is “a plan of action or policy designed to achieve a major or overall aim, or a plan for military operations and movements during a war or battle.” How do we intentionally infiltrate the culture around us? Tucson, AZ. 2017: The 12<sup>th</sup> most Post-Christian city in the United States.

- 1) We saw our corporate strategy:
  - a) Repair, Prepare, Celebrate. Notice Jesus’ plan Matt 9
  - b) Repair broken people – if you are a broken person in process of healing, then you need to get involved outside yourself
    - i) **We each have an obligation** to pursue health and wholeness, not so we can feel better, but so God can make the world better through us.
    - ii) **You are responsible for your life. Until you take responsibility, you will always be a victim.** Gal 6:4-5
    - iii) The best antidote for self-pity (depression) is helping someone else. Phil 2:4 / Gal 6:7
  - c) Our plan is to prepare you to touch your world:
- 2) We win the world one person at a time.
  - a) We are not targeting a demographic. The world is on fire – I rescue who I can reach.
  - b) We are making disciples of all nations - Matthew 28:18-20
  - c) Nations: *ethnos* - a race (as of the same habit), that is, a tribe; belonging and living together.

- i) Luke 21:10 **Nation** will go to war against **nation**,
  - ii) Matthew 28:19 make disciples of all the **nations**
  - iii) 1 Peter 2:9-10 NLT You are ... a holy **nation**, ..**now you are God's people.**
- d) All things to all men: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 I don’t let culture be a roadblock. I look for places to relate. I can appreciate, understand, and translate, even if I don’t adopt. I don’t adapt my beliefs to the culture, but I invade, appreciate, and experience the culture to rescue those bound by it. I am there to connect, communicate, and convey them into their new *ethnos*.
- 3) You can do something
- a) Avoid the Sweeping Generalization fallacy.
  - b) Get a one person at a time attitude
    - i) God saves individuals. Look at people, not groups.
    - ii) The question is not, “How do I win this one.” Its. “How do I understand this one well enough to be able to present the Gospel so he can grasp it.”
  - c) Effective discipling is done one-on-one: Barnabas: Saul, John Mark
    - i) Discipling is a process. “Teaching them to obey.”
    - ii) Find someone to mentor you, Look for new people to befriend and encourage
  - d) Be alert to people – doors are open. You can go through them
    - i) Conversations are lines of connection to the hearts of others
    - ii) You start a conversation by
      - (1) Acknowledging a common situation – “sure is hot today”
      - (2) Noting an admirable quality – “I like the hat”
      - (3) Commenting on a common interest – “how about them Wildcats!”
    - iii) You deepen a conversation by being interested in the other person – People love to talk about themselves.
    - iv) Needs expressed are an invitation to prayer
    - v) Prayer is an opportunity to follow up. (Exchange numbers)

**Connection – Compassion -- Communication – Conversion.**