



Chair Three/The Worker

MAIN THING

Main Thing: The Third Invitation Jesus Makes is to "Follow Me and I Will Send You Out To Win the Lost"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:19, Luke 5:1-11, Luke 10:1-2, 1 Timothy 5:8, Luke 10:8-12, Luke 10:16-17

ICEBREAKER

What is one accomplishment you've had in life that you had to work very hard for and sacrifice a lot for?

OPENING THOUGHT

The third chair of discipleship is a very exciting one. The focus moves off of yourself and onto the people around you; it also moves off of your own needs into the mission of Jesus in the world. The Chair Three Worker begins to become an influencer in the lives of the people around him or her. From serving in the church to working outside the walls, the worker begins to experience both the victories and the failures that come with serving as Jesus did. Someone once asked, "If your church were to disappear, would anyone outside your church notice?" Without Chair Three Workers, the answer would be no.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?

2. The characteristics of Chair Three people were 1) They were available, 2) They responded to Jesus' instruction, 3) They were enthusiastic about what Jesus was doing, 4) They were sensitive to conviction, and 5) They were sacrificial. Which one of these most aptly describes you? Which one least describes you?

3. As Chair Three workers mature, they will hone in on a "personal ministry." This is something that is unique to them that they are gifted for and good at. Your personal ministry is found where "your passion meets a worldwide need." Do you know what your personal ministry is?

LIFE APPLICATION

One of the dangers of Chair Three is that people here can get burned out. Instead of progressing to Chair Four, they revert back to Chair Two and say, "I've put in my time, now it's someone else's turn." They miss out on the joy of making disciples who can make disciples, and the Kingdom misses out on what they have to offer. Has this happened to you?

If this has happened to you, what will it take to get back in the game? How can this group help you?

CHALLENGE

From Dave: I am as concerned as anyone about the state of our society right now. There are powerful forces going after the younger generation right now, trying to influence them, trying to recruit them to their values and away from a Biblical worldview. I want to emphasize how important ministry to our children and teenagers truly is. Right now, we have a huge need for workers in our Children's Ministry. God has blessed us with an abundance of children in this church, and unfortunately right now it is just like Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." Would you consider becoming and children's ministry worker and be influential in the lives of the children of our church family?" This is the biggest need in our church right now.