## C.H.U.R.C.<mark>H</mark> Adult Guide H is for Harvest



## Harvest

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Luke 10:2

Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. John 4:35

Notice the three different actions Jesus says to do in John. Look, Lift, and See

**Look** is Directional- where are you looking? Don't look at what happened behind you or to those beside you, look in front of you in the right direction.

**Lift** is Positional - Even though we may be looking in the right direction the position of our eyes are still on ourselves and our problems.

**See** is Relational - When we see the harvest we will want to be a part of it. Sometimes you may not want to get involved and participate in the harvest. You are missing the connection that God has saved us and called us to labor in the harvest. When we don't we are disconnecting from our relationship with our Father.

- What are you doing now to participate in the harvest?
- Are you still keeping your head down?

The harvest happens when we have the awe of God is our midst.

## Acts 2:47 ESV

## And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- Share a testimony or ask for one to be shared.
- What attracts people to church?

A community of authentic believers living transparent sold out lives to Christ. The best strategy for church growth is a Community in Awe of the Living God!

• You find AWE and the HARVEST will find you!

What is the enemy of AWE?

Pride.



Psalm 33:8 ESV

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Proverbs 1:7 ESV

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Hebrews 12:28-29 ESV

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

What habits lead to pride?

When we focus on ourselves.

- How poorly we were treated
- How we will never be good enough
- How we are right and deserving of more

■ These are the things that devour our worship, as we are consumed by self.

When pride cannibalizes awe, it makes it hard to see greatness. The antidote for pride is not that we think less of ourselves. Instead we dwell upon the One who calls us to the Cross.

- There on the Cross our pride nailed him there... can there be anything more humiliating?
  - We must look upon Him.
  - We must give up our self-authority.
  - $\circ~$  We must give up our self-accomplishment.
  - We must give up our entitlement.
- In three days Jesus would burst out of the grave giving us a way out of our pride... if we are willing to let go.

 $\circ$  And if you do... the awe of God stands to return in your life.