



## TALK IT OVER

Harvest Time

### BOTTOM LINE

"An opportunity must be seized in the lifetime of the opportunity."  
– Leonard Ravenhill

### CONVERSATION STARTER

How did the winter cold and snow affect your schedule so far? Any fun with it?

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

### RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointeorg/daily](http://newpointeorg/daily)
- [Find Your Why](#) - A vision for your life by Craig Groeschel

### KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of your opportunities, knowing that the days are evil.*  
Ephesians 5:15-16 NIV

*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* Matthew 9:36 NIV

*Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.* John 4:35 NIV

*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 9:37-38 NIV

"People are living lives of quiet desperation." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

"The tragedy of our time is that the situation is desperate, but the saints are not." – Vance Havner

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Can you state the mission and vision of NewPointe? How are you currently investing in them? What evidence do you see around you that people need what we have to offer? Jesus said the harvest around us is plentiful and precious. Where/whom do you see that makes that perspective real to you? Compassion involves one so identifying with the situation that one is prepared to act for one's benefit. How is that definition different than common perception? Harassed, helpless, and sheep without a shepherd are a fitting description of our society. That's easy to discern in the world at large, but often in our "community cocoon" we are blind to it. What do you see around you that gives witness? Do you see yourself as blaming people for their condition or as compassionate more frequently? The gospel is only Good News if it arrives in time. Discuss the urgency of our call. We are all busy with life. How can we keep this urgency front and enter where we actually are **Moved** with compassion? How do you hear God speaking to you to take action? Where can you "do more"?

### ACTION STEP

God spoke to me about upping my compassionate urgency and action by \_\_\_\_\_.

I will obey by \_\_\_\_\_,  
beginning \_\_\_\_\_.