



# MESSAGE NOTES

## The Guaranteed Harvest

Psalm 126, John 15:1-11

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### The joy of salvation

**Psalm 126:3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.**

This verse is set against the backdrop of the Old Testament Israelites' freedom from captivity. Then in the New Testament we see that this becomes an analogy for us and for our freedom in Christ. These 'great things' include the forgiveness of our sins, the ability to have a relationship with God and the gift of eternal life. Each one of these on their own could be described as a great thing but when you put them all together the Lord really has done great things for us!

### Becoming one with God's heart

When you experience this joy it then becomes your heart to see your family, friends and those around you experience it as well.

**Matthew 9:36-38 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."**

This shows us the heart of Jesus. Jesus was filled with love and compassion for people. He wanted nothing more than for them to be set free from sin. And so He commanded His disciples to pray for the spiritual harvest.

### Bearing fruit

If your priorities are right, if God is number one in your life, you are guaranteed to bear fruit.

**John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**

The condition to this promise is remaining in Jesus, having the same heart as Jesus. And Jesus' greatest priority is the spiritual harvest – the salvation of souls. When this is your priority you will bear fruit. You can ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.