

The Process of Missions
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“Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? For when one says, ‘I follow Paul,’ and another, ‘I follow Apollos,’ are you not mere human beings? What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God’s service...” 1 Cor. 3:1-9

The 4 Steps of the Mission

1. **Cultivating:** preparing the soil of a heart. Luke 8:1-15

“Some seed fell along the path, some fell on rocky ground, some fell on thorny ground, while some fell on good soil.”

2. **Planting:** placing the seed into the heart. 1 Cor. 3:5-9

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3. **Watering:** nurturing the seed to help it grow. 1 Cor. 3:5-9

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4. **Harvesting:** reaping the good ripe fruit. Matt. 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.’” Matt. 9:36-38

Practical Application

- You are not solely a cultivator, planter, waterer or harvester.
- You must not be envious of the work of another.
- Be discerning to what stage your friends are in.
- Be patient. Fruit doesn’t grow up overnight.
- Who are the people in your life you want to reach for Jesus?

“To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.” Rev. 1:5-6