



Wednesdays// 7:00 pm

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2 Kings 7:3-9: Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die?"⁴ "If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die."⁵ And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one was there.⁶ For the LORD had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses--the noise of a great army; so they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!"⁷ Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact--their tents, their horses, and their donkeys--and they fled for their lives.⁸ And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid *them*; then they came back and entered another tent, and carried *some* from there *also*, and went and hid *it*.

⁹ Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day *is* a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king's household."

1 Cor. 3:5-9: Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.⁹ For we are

God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building.

Small Group Interaction:

1. What blessings or good things do you have as a follower of Christ that you would love to share with those who don't know Him?
2. The apostle Paul uses an agricultural picture to describe the work of evangelism. We have our part as God's servants, but God has His part in the process of reaching people. What is our part, and what is God's part? What does this say about those who take it all upon themselves, and those who leave it all up to God?
3. Tell about how God used a team of people, over time, to lead you to Himself and help you grow in faith.
4. Name some different ways you could partner with God, with other believers, churches, or ministry organizations to share the Gospel.