

9 Chapter

Jesus is Calling for Able Workers

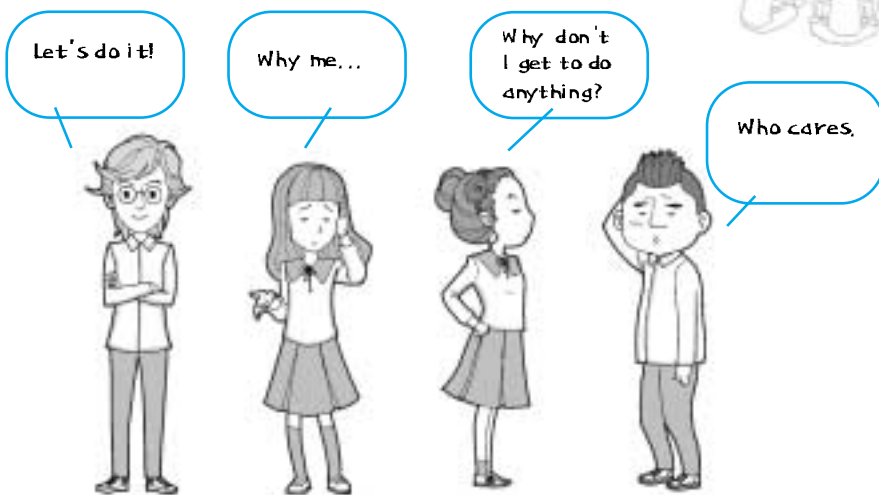
Matt. 4:18-22, John 4:31-38
Hymn : no. 351 , Praise no. 179

Today's Lesson



- 1 God gives us work to do for our own good.
- 2 It is only proper that we have the right attitude in performing this work.

Opening Mind



1. What about you? How do you usually respond?

2. Why does God give born-again people work to do?

Understanding the Lesson



When Jesus saw Peter and Andrew fishing at the seashore, Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Peter and Andrew stood up and followed Him immediately. Jesus then saw James and John in a boat and called them to be followers as well. Later, these four became important teachers of the gospel and overseers of the churches.

Though they were poor and ill-equipped at first, God saw in them the necessary qualities to become workers of God. By using them, He was able to spread the news of the gospel and establish churches. He gave them everything they would need in order to accomplish the work He had assigned them.

Because they had responded to Jesus' calling without hesitation, they were able to spend their lives doing that which is most precious. They were able to become great apostles for the churches. Though God is able to do all things, He wants to give us opportunities to receive glory ourselves. For this reason, He does not do all the work Himself, but rather assigns duties to us. Now that we are in the End Times, the workers used today will be the last ones. How can we become qualified to do God's work? What can we do to participate in His work?

Lesson Summary

Engraving the lesson in your mind



Then He said to them, "Follow Me, I will make you fishers of men." (Matt 4:19)



Meditating the Words

1. Read the following passages and write down a good title or summary for it. You can also write your thoughts and opinions if you'd like.

(Jhn 4:31-35)

(Luk 12:41-48)

(2 Tim 2:1-6)

2. What kinds of characteristics do people who do God's work have?



Changing Your Thoughts

1. When you were saved, what was your life like?
(Bad? Troubled? Lost?)

2. God wants to make us partakers in His eternal glory. What can we do to obtain such glory?

3. Has Jesus given us any work? What could a student like me do for God?



Applying the Words to the Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also_Jam 2:26

1. Write down how to apply the today's lesson to the life.

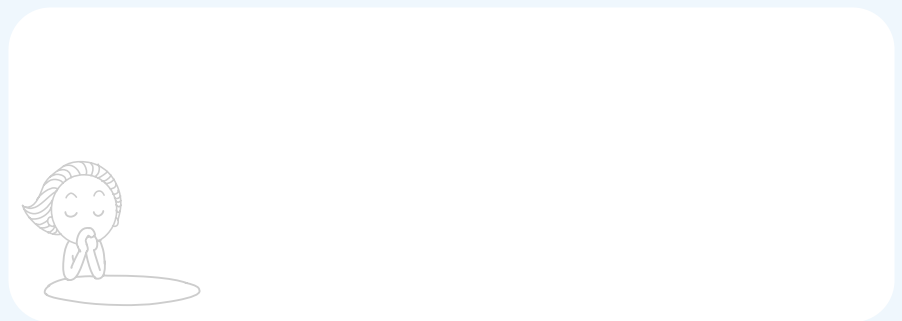
First

Second.

Third.

2. Review the last week's items and evaluate them.

Praying to Follow the Words





OUR Anecdotes

With perseverance



Let's think about labor pains.

A mother carries her baby in her womb for 10 months, and goes through excruciating labor pains to have her baby. However, the gratification that comes from holding her baby after the extreme labor pain is inexpressible, especially because she was connected to her baby, and prepared herself to be a nurturing mom for ten months. We should also devote ourselves to the responsibilities that God has delegated to us knowing that there will be a greater joy and reward.

through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:2-4

Parable

God's Workers

God's power is displayed through our weaknesses. So the better you think you are, the less you'll be used. Last year, Pastor Billy Graham visited Sheffield for a revival. We had to counsel thousands of people. In order for the revival to be successful, many people had to be willing to help.

I asked Christians, "Step forward if you think you are too weak to do anything and can't help your neighbors." Many people stepped forward. So I gave them the most important responsibilities. God looks for people who think "I can't do anything. I'm powerless." I saw those humble people bring many people to the revival. One woman crying said to me, "Pastor, thank you for calling me to work." When we say, "I can't do it," God says, "But I can." We can do the things God allows us to do through the power in Jesus Christ.



