

## **“TAKE 10 - Worship While Away”** **(Sunday, May 31, 2026)**

### **Share:**

Plants bloom when they have the right resources. Too much or too little of the things needed will impact and sometimes even destroy not only blossoms but even the life of the plant. Too much light burns; too little light impedes chlorophyll. Too little water kills; too much drowns. People are not unlike plants. We need certain essentials if we are to grow, but for people the need is far more complex. What do you need to grow to your best, fullest potential?

### **Read these words from a hymn: 750.. *Goodness is Stronger than Evil***

Goodness is stronger than evil;  
Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Life is stronger than death;  
Victory is ours through Him who loves us. (repeat)  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,  
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

### **Read this scripture from worship: Psalm 100..... *The Message***

- <sup>1-2</sup> On your feet now—applaud God!  
Bring a gift of laughter,  
sing yourselves into his presence.
- <sup>3</sup> Know this: God is God, and God, God.  
He made us; we didn't make him.  
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter with the password: “Thank you!”  
Make yourselves at home, talking praise.  
Thank him. Worship him.
- <sup>5</sup> For God is sheer beauty,  
all-generous in love,  
loyal always and ever.

Matthew 9:35-38, 10:5-10..... *The Message*

<sup>35-38</sup> Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. “What a huge harvest!” he said to his disciples. “How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!”

<sup>10: 5-8</sup> Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge: “Don’t begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don’t try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.

<sup>9-10</sup> “Don’t think you have to put on a fund-raising campaign before you start. You don’t need a lot of equipment. *You* are the equipment, and all you need to keep that going is three meals a day. Travel light.

### **Discuss with others:**

- How important is it to you, personally, to be Jesus’ disciple?
- who do you know who lives a disciple’s life?
- What limits are there in discipleship?
- What does it mean to be a disciple?
- How do you respond to the Great Commission to “make disciples of all nations?”

### **Pray together:**

Gracious God, you call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship. Help us to understand and accept the costs of following Christ, that we may know the joy you intend for the faithful. Make us lifelong learners in the school of faithfulness, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

--Ruth C. Duck, ed., *Flames of the Spirit* (New York: Pilgrim Press, 1985), 85.