

I did a little figuring this morning. If Jesus had gone into China and had gone into a village one day and preached. And the next day he went into another village and he stayed in that one and explained things to them to help them grow in grace, and then went into another village and gave the Gospel and explained things to them. And the next day into another one. He would just about now finish have gone for one day to each of the villages in China! That would be only one fourth of the people that are in the world today. It would take much longer in fact more to go into all the rest of Asia. Take twice as long to go into all the rest of the world at that rate.

On the other hand supposing there was only one Christian in the world. Suppose this Christian would lead another man to know Christ and that for a year they would meet together and he would teach this other man to understand the Scripture and to grow in the knowledge of Christ, and the accomplishment of His will, but spoke to nobody else about it. And suppose at the end of that ~~xxx~~ year there were two, each of them would go to another person and led that person to Christ, and spent the year teaching them to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. Then those four at the end of that year went to another group of four, each of them taking an individual and working with him for a year so that at the end of that year there were eight. At the end of 31 years every one of the millions of people now in the earth would have been reached in that way! We see how important our work is in the cause of Christ.

Jesus leaves us here in order that we may accomplish His work on earth. But that is not the only reason He leaves us here. There is another harvest spoken of in Galatians. Before I speak of that I am going to briefly speak of the third harvest. The third harvest is not mentioned in the Bible. But it relates itself very definitely to the passage I just read. Jesus said, Do not say four months more and then the harvest." I want to say the same thing to you. Four months more and then the harvest. You are now beginning a new semester today. Four months from now you will be taking examinations. Four months from now you will learn what were the results of these months. What have you accomplished during this time? If you noticed the verse in Galatians: "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap", what you do during these four months is going to show itself in the harvest at the end of the four months. What ~~x~~ you do in four months is going to show itself in what you can accomplish for the Lord. in the rest of your life.

These four months are tremendously important. Now it is very easy to take the attitude that the only thing that matters about these four months is the last week. Not to actually think it that way but to act as if it were. Oh, there is four months ahead. There is all this time. What's the hurry? What's the hurry about getting this? What's the hurry about getting that? We go to class, we look into these matters. We try to memorize a certain amount. There is ~~lost~~ lots of time. We relax. Then all of a sudden the four months is almost over. And you rush to get those term papers written. You rush to review some material. I remember one fellow coming in on the morning of the examination, and he said, Don't touch me! Don't touch me! I'm so full of what I've crammed all night, I'm afraid