

THE GREAT COMMISSION

WHY

Jesus is worthy.
The Gospel is powerful.
Time is urgent.

A vision for the harvest

WHY 01

Jesus is worthy

The Lord of the harvest is worthy of the church's whole-hearted obedience.

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*It is not statistics and needs alone
that will compel the church to
engage with the Great Commission.
It must be a vision of the supreme
worth and majestic beauty of Jesus
Christ, the Lord of the Harvest.*

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

John 12:24

“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.”

John 4:35

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: “The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.”

Revelation 3:7

“I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.”

Revelation 3:8

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

who desires all people to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of
the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

WHY 02

The Gospel is powerful

The Gospel alone has power to shift an eternal destiny.

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It is the only news that has the supernatural power to shift an eternal destiny and transfer people out of the dominion of darkness and into the kingdom of light! This news is the great hope for all the nations.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9

Once you were not a people, but now you
are God's people; once you had not
received mercy, but now you have received
mercy.

1 Peter 2:10

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

2 Peter 1:3

by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

2 Peter 1:4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly
places,

Ephesians 1:3

even as he chose us in him before the
foundation of the world, that we
should be holy and blameless before
him. In love

Ephesians 1:4

he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Ephesians 1:5

to the praise of his glorious grace,
with which he has blessed us in
the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:6

In him we have redemption through
his blood, the forgiveness of our
trespasses, according to the riches of
his grace,

Ephesians 1:7

which he lavished upon us, in all
wisdom and insight

Ephesians 1:8

making known to us the mystery of his
will, according to his purpose, which
he set forth in Christ

Ephesians 1:9

as a plan for the fullness of time, to
unite all things in him, things in
heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:10

Therefore remember that at one time you
Gentiles in the flesh, called “the
uncircumcision” by what is called the
circumcision, which is made in the flesh by
hands—

Ephesians 2:11

remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12

But now in Christ Jesus you who once
were far off have been brought near
by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13

For he himself is our peace, who has
made us both one and has broken
down in his flesh the dividing wall of
hostility

Ephesians 2:14

by abolishing the law of commandments
expressed in ordinances, that he might
create in himself one new man in place of
the two, so making peace,

Ephesians 2:15

and might reconcile us both to God in
one body through the cross, thereby
killing the hostility.

Ephesians 2:16

And he came and preached peace to
you who were far off and peace to
those who were near.

Ephesians 2:17

For through him we both have
access in one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2:18

So then you are no longer strangers and
aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the
saints and members of the household of
God,

Ephesians 2:19

built on the foundation of the apostles
and prophets, Christ Jesus himself
• being the cornerstone,

Ephesians 2:20

in whom the whole structure, being
joined together, grows into a holy
temple in the Lord.

Ephesians 2:21

In him you also are being built
together into a dwelling place for
God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:22

WHY 03

Time is urgent

We direct our time, energy, and lives toward what will matter for eternity.

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In light of the worth of Jesus and the power of the Gospel, we aim to live with urgency. The urgency we live with is not a frenzied busyness of activity but a passion to focus our time, our energy and our lives towards that which will matter for eternity.

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

Matthew 9:35

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

Then he said to his disciples, “The
harvest is plentiful, but the
laborers are few;

Matthew 9:37

therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of
the harvest to send out laborers into
his harvest.”

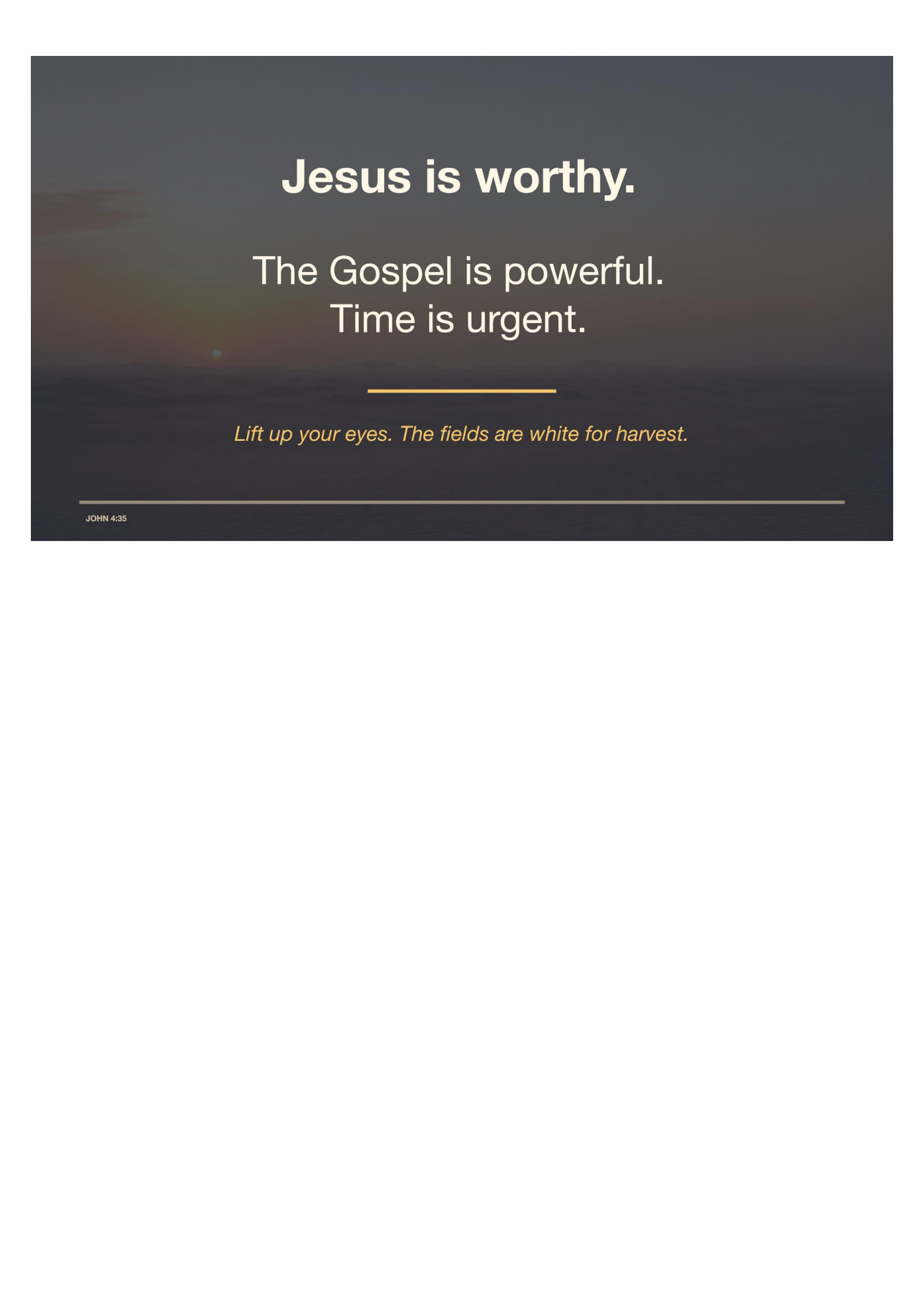
Matthew 9:38

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

Revelation 7:9

and crying out with a loud voice,
“Salvation belongs to our God who
sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Revelation 7:10



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