



**WARM UP QUESTIONS:** Have you ever woken up in a panic, fearing that you missed something important? How did you react?

**READ:** Psalm 67:6; James 3:18; Luke 10:2; Psalm 107:36-38; Isaiah 60:1-5

**FOCUS:** Don't sleep in the harvest. Arise and shine!

**OBSERVE:**

- Don't miss what the Lord is doing in this hour. He is giving purpose and significance. We need to be more alert and participate in what God is doing. We also need to arise out of slumber and take our place in this unique harvest season by taking hold of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
- There are three areas of harvest mentioned in the Bible:
  - (1) the harvest of provision;
  - (2) the harvest in our personal lives; and
  - (3) the harvest of people becoming Christ followers.
- There are two reasons to sleep in the harvest:
  - (1) slumber
  - (2) sorrow.
- Isaiah 56:10 says, "His watchmen are blind: they are all without knowledge; they are all silent dogs; they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, and loving to slumber."
  - Slumber - from a lack of revelation and awareness of the hour.
  - Sorrow - from grief or emotional pain, sadness, heaviness, holding grudges, or regret.
- We are to have assurance and confidence that we are God's beloved people and display the character of Christ.

**TAKING ACTION:**

- If you find yourself in a spiritual slumber, prioritize reading the Bible, prayer, and corporate worship as a way to wake up spiritually.
- Join a group and have spiritual community who can help stir up your faith.

**REFLECT:**

- Are you spiritually alert and awake or do you find yourself in a spiritual lull? Why?
- What giftings and passions do you have that you can use to shine for Christ in the darkness?

**PRAY:**

*Father, let Your will be done on earth just as it is in heaven. Keep us from slumber and arise in us. Prepare us to reap the harvest. Make us shine more than ever before! We praise You. We pray that our light may shine before men so they may see our good deeds/works and glorify You, which is in heaven. Amen.*