and work in Father's vineyard with Jesus.

Invite Spirit to open your eyes and heart to the opportunities that will come your way this week. What wonderful work has Jesus for you: liberating people from invitation was sin, healing the sick, casting out demons, sharing Jesus with those who don't know for healing. I'm him yet.

Wonderfully, you get to work in Jesus vineyard this week.

Here's a challenge that I'm working on. John Wimber said he would ask people; 'how are you'. They'd

say OK. Then he'd ask, no, I really would invitation to work in like to know how you are going. Then with him, he'd offer to how. Take that first pray for them.

It might be; 'I've got a Jesus in his headache'. If John's in his hands and pray does, doing it with assuming if the person has a celebration he'd give thanks.

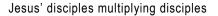
This week I pray you hear in your heart

and mind Jesus' his vineyard. Grab that invitation and whatever they shared ask when, where and thought and then go and do it, joining celebration of life.

accepted for pray, he Jesus certainly wants would take their head you doing the stuff he him.

## Christ Church Lutheran Worship Times - 9.00am & 10.45am

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20 September 2020 WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD Matthew 20:1-16 As I read this parable Has Jesus asked you Sure has. That's part to go and work in his of the 'Good News', I wondered what kind of work do you do in vinevard? you're not a a vineyard. Then it spectator, you're a dawned on me, the Most of the time doer. You're owner of the vineyard when I've read this authorised and was hiring people to parable I've focused empowered to work work. To work in his for the king in his on how much each vinevard. person was paid, and kingdom. if it is fair to pay These are not everyone the same. I When Pastor Peter spectators. Obviously focused on the Steicke was at Christ there is a big equality of the 'first Church he told a brief being last and the difference between story about John last being first'. Wimber, the founder spectators and of the Vineyard workers. Church. The phrase How much would The owner of the have the owner paid that stuck in my mind vineyard didn't get spectators? I know was; 'Everyone got to people to go and how much you'd pay do the stuff'. admire his vines, or a spectator if you taste the wine. They were an employer. So I went onto weren't asked to I'm sure you'd pay voutube to see if I could find something them as much as I have a pleasant would; nothing. about John Wimber, Sunday afternoon. There is a huge Actually I'd be and I ran across a difference between tempted to charge clip where he was being a spectator or them for the privilege talking about his first of watching. impressions of what a worker. would happen in a Has Jesus asked you service. The owner went to find workers. to go and work in his (John Wimber – Doin' vinevard? the Stuff https://

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John mentioned that as he read the New Testament he fell in love with Jesus, and all that he did. And he wanted to do the stuff: as he put it. John wanted to do the stuff he saw Jesus doing.

John had never been to a church service, but he imagined that you'd gather Sundav morning. divvy up the areas to go to, and then everyone would go out to heal a few. cast out a few demons, win a few for Christ before lunch. He thought you'd go out and do it.

Or using Jesus image that we have today; he imagined Jesus was calling him to go and work in his vineyard.

But then he was told: this is my

paraphrase. 'You time continue=167&v= don't have to go out wTep5jzjhu8&feature= and do it, you just have to believe it was done once!'

> John couldn't understand: you never got to go and do the things Jesus did. And then this comment of his smacked me between the eyes.

'I joined up to do the stuff. Didn't you?'

John said: 'When I worked for the devil. he let me do his stuff!'

Let that sink in.

When I worked for the devil. he let me do his stuff. When I came to work for Jesus, they wouldn't let me do his stuff!'

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Jesus went out early to hire workers for his vinevard.

Not because he needs people to pick his grapes, but he wants us to join him in doing his stuff. Jesus passion is that we are actively involved, and certainly not spectators.

Jesus didn't give his life so that we could sit on the sidelines and watch. What a waste of life. Jesus gave his life so that you could join him in doing the stuff; in seeking and saving the lost, destroying the work of the enemy.

Jesus has wonderfully hired you to work in the vinevard: loving the people you meet with his supernatural love, that they get a taste of him as you give them a drink of water. share your time, pray with them about what's happening in their lives, as you

introduce them to Jesus.

Jesus has hired you to bring his hope into this world as you proclaim his kingdom. What a time to be bringing hope to people. I think people are ripe for hope, a hope that vineyard, he didn't offers life in the face of death.

People have been facing death for the better part of the year, and we have Jesus, the author and creator of hope. The

virus doesn't win: we have hope. You're not alone in this

When growing up I was always reminded it, is always! that one of the great the gift of 'confession workers for his and absolution'. We have a God. in Jesus, who forgives, hearted. Jesus isn't after spectators but wonderfully has authorised and empowered us to forgive as he forgives

us: totally undeserved, and he takes the initiative.

If Jesus had to wait for me to make the first move: quess what, he'd still be waiting. Jesus took his Father's invitation When you meet a to go and work in his wait for the vines to invite him in. Jesus

No, we have the wonderful gift of working with Jesus. He's hired us. Jesus has authorised and empowered you to go and work in his power and authority.

person feeling guilty. in Jesus' name, you can set them free. You can listen to their confession. to their desire for Jesus' healing. And then you get to proclaim it, then and there; "You - are forgiven. You are loved. Jesus heals you." And by Jesus power and authority that's what happens.

vou work in his vineyard; saying what he says, doing what he does. That's the way Jesus lives: saying what he hears from his Father. doing what he sees his Father doing. And we've been recreated in Jesus image. You have been invited to go

## Today Jesus is hiring...

always takes the initiative. even when it is uncomfortable. even when he's in battle; we have hope. the right and we are in the wrong. Which

when you think about Jesus passion is that

treasures we have is Today Jesus is hiring vinevard. What a wonderful offer: vou don't waste your life. who heals the broken. You won't waste this week, just waiting around, just filling in the day to feel useful doing what you'll lose anyway.