

CALL and COMMITMENT 2025

on your knees
and pray for
harvest hands

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Testimony Focus

Testimony Focus 1

In advance of your worship gathering, select five people to come prepared to highlight the importance of one of these objects in the work of harvesting, as well as illustrating the spiritual principle/significance.

- Tilling Tool
- Seeds
- Soil
- Water
- Bushel of Wheat

Display items on a table and invite participants to come forward and share about the object they were given.

*Limit sharing time to two-minutes per person.

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Testimony Focus 2

Cardboard Testimonies - 'UNWRAPPING GOD'S STORY IN YOUR LIFE'

Supplies: Large pieces of cardboard (approximately 30 inches x 36 inches), black marker

Cardboard testimonies are a type of "before and after" story that depicts how God has changed someone's life. In keeping with this year's theme for Call & Commitment, "HARVEST HANDS", encourage participants to focus on their "before and after" story relating to their response to God's specific call to service as a Christian, whether it's in the local Corps or as an officer in The Salvation Army. In advance participants are encouraged to use just a few words to capture their response so that it will be easy to read and meaningful for the audience and/or congregation. For example, "Relinquish self - Others", "Inadequate - Ready to serve", "Reluctant to serve - Harvest hands", "Prideful - Humbling serving", "Controlling self - God's possession", "All about me - Sacrificing for the love of others", "All about me - Sacred surrender", etc.

To be most effective cardboard should be held high (responses may also be displayed on screen) so that the words can easily be seen. Please note cardboard does not have to be 'perfect'. The "before and after" stories will be a reflection of imperfect lives.

May be a beneficial activity for Sunday School, Junior Soldiers, Teen Bible Study, etc. with age-appropriate responses to help them explore God's purpose for their life and encourage participation in acts of service.

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