

The beginning of the school year always has a sense of excitement and expectation. What might God be up to as we launch into the fall season?! Let's take a look at an obscure paragraph in the Old Testament for some insights into how God works.

The name Jabez means, "a real pain."

I Chronicles 4:9-10

Pre-requisites:

- 1) He was desperate - a curse, so he cried out.
- 2) He asks God - "you don't ask . . . you have wrong motives" James 4:2-3
- 3) It was God's will — God granted his request.

I John 5:14-15

Prayer:

- * Bless me — "blessed to be a blessing"
- * Enlarge my territory — a new frontier
"make the most of every opportunity" (Ephesians 5:16)
- * Your Hand with me — "God help me."
"Be filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18)
- * Keep me from harm — protection

John 17:15

The name New Harvest means, "a fresh crop."

Reflective Questions:

- 1) What does your name mean; what would you like it to mean?
- 2) How do you respond to the pre-requisites of prayer?
- 3) What stands out to you about the prayer of Jabez? How might you apply this visioning message to your life?

Food Bank—This Saturday, September 15, 9–11am

Join us in serving our community this Saturday with our monthly food bank. This is a great way to reach out to our neighbors. Join us at 8am to set up.

Linger Longer—Next Sunday, September 16th, after our gathering—Join us for taco salad and/or PBJ sandwiches.

