

## SERMON NOTES: May 11, 2025

### The Compassionate Call of Christ

Matthew 9:35-38

#### I. Christ's Response - 9:35

#### II. Christ's Sight - 9:36

*"Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd."*

Matthew 9:35-36

#### III. Christ's Heart - 9:37

#### III. Christ's Plan - 9:38

*"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.' Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."*

Matthew 9:37-38

## Life Group Study Questions

### The Compassionate Call of Christ

Matthew 9:35-38

1. Have you ever been overwhelmed by the neediness of others? What does that do to you emotionally and physically?
2. How do the words “all” and “every” help us understand the depth of Christ’s compassion for the people of Galilee?
3. Give a definition of the word compassion. Give an example of genuine compassion in action.
4. Jesus compassion is motivated by His ability to see people beyond the surface of their lives. Describe how Jesus sees people in 9:36.
5. Jesus moves from the metaphor of sheep to the picture of harvest in 9:37. What is He describing when He says “harvest” and “workers?”
6. What is the primary action step that Christ tells His disciples to do when it comes to reaching the lost? Give some of the reasons that He says to begin with “begging” the Lord of the harvest to send workers.”
7. Harvesting is the hardest job in the world. It requires self-less compassion and massive dependence on Christ. How does this help explain why we tend to avoid this in our daily Christian life and focus on other good things?
8. Are you praying for Christ to raise up workers to reach the lost in your life? How has this passage challenged you in the way you are approaching evangelism?
9. Pray for one another to seek to have Christ’s heart of compassion for the lost.