



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - May 11, 2025

*Compassion for the Crowds*  
*Matthew 9:35-38*

I. Christ's Response - 9:35

A. Going to All

B. Teaching All

C. Healing All

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

A. Compassion

B. Clarity

C. Calling

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

A. The immensity of need

B. The implication of workers

## IV. Christ's Plan - 9:37

A. Compassionate Prayer

B. Christ-centered Prayer

*Life Group Questions*  
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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 selfless 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.