

Matthew 9:35-38 | “Our Heart & Part in Missions”

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I. Our heart for missions (36)

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

A. Jesus’ example

1. “He saw the crowds” (He didn’t overlook them, but saw them as people in need)
2. “He had compassion for them” (deep feeling from within, from my gut or heart)

a) “BECAUSE they were harassed”

(1) By the leaders of the Israel

b) “BECAUSE they were helpless” (thrown on the ground, helpless)

c) “Like sheep without a shepherd” (torn and thrown down)

(1) No leader, no guidance, no protection, no hope, helpless

(2) They need Christ, the Good Shepherd!

B. Apply: do you have a heart for lost people, who are harassed and helpless without Christ?

II. Our part in missions (37-38)

37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

A. The status of the harvest

1. “The harvest is plentiful” (large and abundant)
2. “But the laborers are few” (not enough to harvest it)
3. SO the need is great!

38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

B. The instructions because of the status of the harvest

1. “Pray earnestly” (beg, implore, plead)
 - a) “To the Lord of the harvest” (He’s in control of the harvest!)
 - b) “To send out laborers into his harvest”

(1) Missions is a divine work, not a human endeavor!

C. Apply - Our part in missions: pray and go

1. Right after this, the disciples are sent out as the very workers they pray for.
2. What’s your part in missions?
 - a) Right here? In Africa? CEF?

In compassion for the lost, we pray and go to the world with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Remembering that we were once lost and Christ showed compassion towards us.