



## Matthew 9:35-38

### The Good Shepherd Is Hiring

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## Jesus Preaches the Gospel

### Matthew 9:35

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.

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## The Need for a New Shepherd

### Matthew 9:36

Seeing the people, **He felt compassion** for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like **sheep without a shepherd**.

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## The Need for Workers

### Matthew 9:37-38

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 **Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.**"

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## Applications

1. We must know that Jesus is the good Shepherd alluded to in the Old Testament who lays His life down for the flock.
2. We should pray for and desire to be fellow workers who are sent out into God's harvest.

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## The Need for a Shepherd

### Numbers 27:16-18

May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, **appoint a man** over the congregation, 17 who will go out and come in before them, and who will lead them out and bring them in, **so that the congregation of the Lord will not be like sheep which have no shepherd.**" 18 So the Lord said to Moses, "Take **Joshua** the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him..."

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### The Problem With Wayward Shepherds

#### Ezekiel 34:5

They were scattered **for lack of a shepherd**, and they became food for every beast of the field and were scattered.

#### Jeremiah 10:21

For **the shepherds have become stupid and have not sought the Lord**; therefore they have not prospered, and all their flock is scattered.

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### The Messiah Will Be the Good Shepherd

#### Isaiah 40:11

**Like a shepherd He will tend His flock**, In His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

#### John 10:11

**I am the good shepherd**; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

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### The Harvest Analogy

#### Matthew 13:36-39

Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." 37 And He said, "**The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man**, 38 and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels."

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### The Call to Join Jesus' Mission

#### Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

#### Matthew 4:19

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

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### Benediction

#### Hebrews 13:20-21

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead **the great Shepherd of the sheep** through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, 21 equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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