

## Inside the Text

### I. Reach people the way Jesus reached them. (Matthew 9:35)

- A. He went to them. (Expansion from Matt. 4:23)
  
- B. He shared the Gospel with them. (the gospel of the kingdom = submission to God's rule and faith in the fulfillment of God's promises)
  
- C. He met their physical needs. (He raised a girl back to life [9:18; 23-26]; a woman suffering for 12 years with a discharge of blood touched his garments [9:19]; two blind men healed [27-30]; a demon-possessed mute man was delivered and spoke... NOTE IN VERSE 35: Jesus healed EVERY DISEASE AND EVERY AFFLICTION.)

### II. View people the way Jesus viewed them. (Matthew 9:36-10:5)

- A. They were worthy of compassion. (Matthew 9:36)
  1. As image-bearers (when he saw the crowds...)
  
  2. As recipients of God's love (he had compassion on them...)
  
  3. Affected by sin (harassed and helpless...)
  
  4. In need of direction (like sheep without a shepherd...)
  
- B. They were desperate for salvation. (Matthew 9:37-10:5)
  1. He motivated the disciples to care. (37)
  
  2. He challenged the disciples to pray. (38)
  
  3. He mobilized the disciples to go. (10:1-5)

## Apply the Text

- Ask God to help you view people the way Jesus viewed them.
- Identify someone to reach. Pray for them and develop a plan to reach them.