



BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS  
“We Pray”

MATTHEW 9:35-38

## Matthew 9:35–38 (ESV)

**35** And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

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

## Matthew 9:35–38 (ESV)

**37** Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

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

**I. Jesus' Far-reaching Concern (v. 35)**

**II. Jesus' Genuine Compassion (v. 36)**

**III. Jesus' Command to Pray (vv. 37-38)**

# I. Jesus' Far-reaching Concern (v. 35)

**35** And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

# I. Jesus' Far-reaching Concern (v. 35)

## Luke 10:1 (ESV)

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place where He Himself was about to go.

## II. Jesus' Genuine Compassion (v. 36)

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

### III. Jesus' Command to Pray (vv. 37-38)

**37** Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

**38** therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."



# III. Jesus' Command to Pray (vv. 37-38)

## 2 Thessalonians 3:1 (ESV)

1 Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,

# III. Jesus' Command to Pray (vv. 37-38)

## Luke 10:3–12 (ESV)

**3** Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.

**4** Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.

# III. Jesus' Command to Pray (vv. 37-38)

## Luke 10:3–12 (ESV)

**5** Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'

**6** And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you.

# III. Jesus' Command to Pray (vv. 37-38)

## Luke 10:3–12 (ESV)

**7** And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house.

**8** Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you.

# III. Jesus' Command to Pray (vv. 37-38)

## Luke 10:3–12 (ESV)

**9** Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

**10** But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say,

# III. Jesus' Command to Pray (vv. 37-38)

## Luke 10:3–12 (ESV)

**11** 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'

**12** I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

# THREE LESSONS FROM THIS PASSAGE

1. Our heart for the unsaved/unreached should extend as far as the heart of Jesus extends.

# THREE LESSONS FROM THIS PASSAGE



2. Our vision of people should be the same as that of Jesus.



# THREE LESSONS FROM THIS PASSAGE

3. We must place a high priority on praying to God to enable us to see the fields ready to be harvested, to send out laborers into the field, and be willing to be the answer to our own prayers.