



G – Gather for Prayer

Father,

I am in awe of all that you gave so that I might be saved. Teach me to give of myself well in service to the mission of God.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

R – Read the Text (Matthew 9:35-38)

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. ³⁶ Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ 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."

O – Observe what God has said

How would you characterize or describe Jesus' ministry according to Matthew 9:35?

Why did Jesus have compassion for the people he saw?

What does Jesus encourage his disciples to pray about?

W – Work on Application

And the question that we must consider today following this message and this entire series is this: are you and is this church an answer to Jesus' own prayer? Are we workers? Is our church full of workers in the fields that are white for harvest? How do you direct your many efforts? Let us make sure that we follow the actions and attitude that we see in Christ Jesus who models what that good effort looks like. May we be perpetually going. As we are going, may we keep busy with proclaiming the gospel and bringing healing to the hurting. May we have the heart of Christ that responds to the world around us with compassion and love so that we can build bridges to those who are without a shepherd, meeting people where they are and being used of God to take them where they need to be. May we recognize the opportunities around us, as Jesus did around him—the great harvest that is there for God's taking. And finally, may we pray along with Christ that God add workers in the field.

Which of these elements is most difficult for you to endorse (going, proclaiming, showing mercy, seizing opportunities, prayer) and why?

How might you give of your efforts in this next season for the mission of God?

Family Weekly Memory Verse: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." Matt 9:38