

# A PASSION FOR LIFE

Matthew 9:35–38

## Introduction

- our common excuses
- Jesus' relentless activity (v35)
- prayer is needed

## COMPASSION for the lost (v36)

- Jesus' compassion <sup>1</sup>
  - disgust?
  - smugness?
  - apathy?
- people's need <sup>2</sup>
  - harassed and helpless
  - like sheep without a shepherd

## WORKERS for the harvest (v37–38)

- the harvest is plentiful <sup>3</sup>
- the workers are few <sup>4</sup>
  - all to be workers

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<sup>1</sup> 14:14; 15:32; 20:34; 2 Pet.2:7–8

<sup>2</sup> 4:24; 25:41

<sup>3</sup> 13:39; John 4:35

<sup>4</sup> Luke 10:1–2; Matt.28:16–20; Acts 2:17; 8:1,4; 1 Peter 2:9; Eph.4:11; Acts 21:8; 2 Tim.4:5