

## Matthew 9:35-38

<sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

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# PRAYER

Lessons with Jesus  
in the school of prayer  
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## Introduction

- our common excuses
- Jesus' relentless activity (v35)

## COMPASSION for the lost (v36)

- Jesus' compassion
  - disgust?
  - smugness?
  - apathy?
- people's need
  - harassed and helpless
  - like sheep without a shepherd

## WORKERS for the harvest (v37-38)

- the harvest is plentiful
- the workers are few
- prayer is needed