



SUNDAY'S COMING: HARASSED AND HELPLESS - MT 9:35-38

**This passage emphasizes the importance of both recognizing the spiritual needs of the world and actively seeking God's guidance and provision to address those needs. We need to see as Jesus saw, feel as Jesus felt, so we can do as Jesus did.**

## SERMON NOTES:

Main points, questions or things that stuck out to you.

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## FURTHER STUDY:

### Cross References, Resources, etc.

- The Good Shepherd (Zechariah 13:7, Hebrews 13:20, 1 Peter 2:25, 1 Peter 5:4)
- Our response: Acts 1:8, John 15:1-15, John 13:34-35, 1 John 3:10

# SMALL GROUP NOTES

## GROUND RULES

What's said in a group stays in the group.

Encourage others and hold yourself accountable.

Where is it written in the Bible?

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- What does Jesus' description of the people as "helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36) reveal about their spiritual state?

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- What motivated Jesus to have compassion for the people?

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- What does it mean to be a "laborer" in the harvest?

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### WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

- How does Jesus' compassion challenge us to act in our own communities?

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- How does this passage make you feel about the needs of people around you, both locally and globally?

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- Why does Jesus encourage us to pray "earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38)?

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- How can we make our prayers more effective in seeking God's will for the harvest?

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- Challenge: How often do we look at others with compassion? Genuine compassion drives us to take action; How will you answer the call this week? Will it be prayer? Will it be serving? Or asking God to help you see with eyes of compassion?