

# Matthew 9:35–38 — “Reach One. Teach One. Love All.”

**God calls every believer to reach one person, teach one person, and love all people through the power of Christ.**

## Biblical / Cultural Context

Matthew records Jesus traveling from city to city, teaching in synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease. His ministry is personal and His focus is eternal. In first-century Israel, shepherd imagery was well understood. A flock without a shepherd was vulnerable to danger and destruction. By using this language, Jesus reveals the spiritual condition of the people and the urgency of the moment. The harvest is plentiful, not because people are eager, but because they are in desperate need. The problem is not opportunity—it is laborers.

## Passage Outline

- **I. Move With Compassion Now (Matthew 9:35–36)**
- **II. The Harvest Is Ready (Matthew 9:37)**
- **III. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest (Matthew 9:38)**

## Passage Notes

### I. Move With Compassion Now (Matthew 9:35–36)

 **Jesus’ compassion for the spiritually weary, drives His mission to reach, teach, and restore people with the gospel.** When Jesus saw the multitudes, He did not see a crowd to manage, but sheep without a shepherd—people lacking truth, direction, and hope. His compassion moved Him to action: He went, He taught, He preached the gospel of the kingdom, and He healed.

-  **Let the compassion of Christ move you.**
  - *What is it we are living for?*
    - **► Live with the purpose to—Reach one, Teach one, and Love All through the power of Christ.**

## II. The Harvest Is Ready (Matthew 9:37)

📌 **The harvest is already prepared by God, but it requires believers who are willing to go and share the gospel one person at a time.** The harvest is already plentiful—people all around us are spiritually ready and searching for hope, truth, and assurance of eternal life. Rather than calling the lost to come find Him, Jesus sends His followers to go and engage them personally with the gospel.

- 💡 **Stop waiting for the harvest to come to you.**
  - *Where has God already placed you?*
    - ▶ **Step out in faith and reach one person with the gospel right where you are.**

## III. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest (Matthew 9:38)

📌 **God advances His mission by calling those who are already found to pray, go, and disciple others in dependence on Him.** The harvest already belongs to God, and He alone has the authority to send workers into it, which means the mission advances through dependence on Him, not human strategy. Jesus makes it clear that His goal is not quick decisions but lasting disciples—people who are reached, taught, and grown in obedience to His Word.

- 🙏 **Pray for other workers, in the harvest.**
  - *Have you prayed for laborers—and offered yourself?*
    - ▶ **Be willing to go where God sends, and commit to teaching others as you follow Christ.**

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### 📖 Matthew 9:36 (NKJV)

**“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.”**

🙏 Father, thank You for the compassion of Jesus, shape our hearts, give us boldness, and help us depend on Your strength and grace, to reach one, teach one, and love all.

**In Jesus' Mighty name, Amen.**