

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Matthew 9:35-38

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

Ice Breaker: How far would you be willing to walk to get to your favorite restaurant?
How far would you be willing to walk to hear the Word of the Lord preached?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Matthew 9:35-38:** What stands out to you in this text? What is the context of Matthew 9? What do we see happen after Matthew 9?
2. What does it mean that Jesus' ministry was characterized by teaching, preaching, and healing? What might this mean for our church today?
3. What are the implications of Jesus "seeing" the crowds? What might this mean for the people who were listening to him teach?
4. Do you feel like the Lord "sees" you? Can you describe a time in your life where you felt the Lord's presence and "sight" upon your life?
5. The Lord sees the crowds and then has compassion on them. What fueled Jesus' compassion? Does this match with our own hearts and affections? How can we line up our compassion with the Lord's?
6. Have you felt the Lord's compassion upon your life? Name a specific moment or story in which you clearly felt the Lord's compassion. Or, do you feel like the Lord is withholding compassion? How can God's word help increase our trust in him and his plan?
7. Is Jesus' solution to the plentiful harvest surprising to you (prayer)? Do you trust/believe in prayer as much as the Lord instructs us to pray? How does Matthew 10 help fill out the whole picture of Jesus' teaching?
8. How are your prayers shaped? What are the prayers that most often raise from your heart? How does Matthew 9 and the Lord's Prayer help us to pray better prayers?
9. How can you be proactive to pray for the nations (India, UAE, Thailand, and many more!)? What things can you implement at home to help your family (specifically children) think and pray more globally?