

WSU Christian Challenge Study Guide  
Matthew 9:35-38  
4/25/24

*Read Matthew 9:35-38*

**“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages...”**

- Why is it important to remember that Jesus *went* to the people to carry out His mission and to deliver His message, rather than waiting on them to come to Him?
- What does it look for us to carry on the mission of Jesus, who *went*?
- Why is it significant to note that Jesus’ mission and message were for *all* the cities and villages?
- What does it look for us to carry on the mission of Jesus, which was for *all* the cities and villages?

**“...teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.”**

*Jesus’ mission was biblical, spiritual, and practical. He taught the Scriptures, challenged people to be born again by the Spirit of God, and met their real practical needs.*

- As we seek to carry on Jesus’ mission, why is it important for us to adopt a method that is biblical, spiritual, and practical?

**“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”**

Jesus didn’t look *past* people as he hurried to his next appointment. He didn’t look *through* people while he was thinking about everything else that needed to be done. He looked *at* them. He *saw* them. And, when He saw them, He had compassion for them.

- Do you find it difficult to see people the way Jesus did? Why or why not?
- How might we grow in having compassion for people as we walk around campus, our workplaces, or the city?

**Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”**

- What kind of person is a “laborer” and what is the “labor” Jesus is talking about?
- What is one step or one adjustment you could make in your life to move toward faithfulness in being a laborer this week? Have someone in the group hold you accountable.

Take a few minutes to pray as a small group for more laborers. You can follow this model, if you'd like:

- Acknowledge that God is the Lord of the harvest, and we are not; He controls outcomes
- Pray that God would be preparing the harvest
- Pray that God would help you, individually, to be a faithful laborer
- Pray for God to raise up more laborers to go out into the harvest and that He'd show us to be faithful to join Him in that process