

**Huge Harvest, Few Workers**  
*What Must We Understand and Do?*  
Matthew 9:35-38

**Understand that the Lord's c\_\_\_\_\_ is for the lost (35,36)**

- Some have misunderstood the God of the Old Testament to be hot-tempered and lacking compassion because of certain stories:
  1. He banished A\_\_\_\_\_ and E\_\_\_\_\_ from the Garden of Eden for eating a piece of fruit (Gen 3)
  2. He wiped out all of humanity (except for \_\_\_ people) for their wickedness (Gen 6-8)
  3. He intended to kill all those who worshipped the golden c\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 32)
  4. He ordered the e\_\_\_\_\_ of the Amalekites (1Sam 15)
- However, God's people viewed God as c\_\_\_\_\_ even though He was angry about sin.
  1. Jonah wanted God to destroy the Ninevites. When He did not, Jonah said, "I knew You were a gracious and c\_\_\_\_\_ God..." (Jonah 4:2)
  2. Psalm 33:5 – the earth is full of the Lord's l\_\_\_\_\_
  3. Isaiah 54:7 – the Lord said that for a brief moment He abandoned Israel, but with great compassion He would g\_\_\_\_\_ them.
- God's personality did not change in the N.T. – Jesus is God in the flesh!
  1. Jesus showed His anger at times (e.g. overturning the tables of the m\_\_\_\_\_; pronouncing w\_\_\_\_\_ upon the scribes and Pharisees).
  2. In verse 35,36 we see that although He was very aware of the sinfulness of the Jewish people, He was m\_\_\_\_\_ with compassion.
    - a. He viewed them as troubled and s\_\_\_\_\_ (the word literally means to be thrown about).
    - b. He viewed them like s\_\_\_\_\_ without a shepherd.
- Application
  1. We may be angry because of certain sinfulness (human trafficking, drug pushers, murderers, rapists, etc). But since the Lord does not d\_\_\_\_\_ in anyone's death, we should not either (Ezek 18:32).

2. Understanding the compassion of the Lord towards the lost should move us to compassion as well.

### **Understand that the Lord's c \_\_\_\_\_ is all people groups (37)**

- The crop or the harvest
  1. It is \_\_\_\_\_
  2. It is "the saved" from among every t \_\_\_\_\_, tongue, nation and class (Rev 5:9; Matt 28:18 – nations = ethnos)
- According to the Joshua project:
  1. There are 11,755 people groups
  2. 7,056 people groups are unr \_\_\_\_\_ (which means that less than 2% are evangelical Christian)
  3. 3,166 people groups are une \_\_\_\_\_ (which means that there is no presence or strategy in place to reach the group for Christ).

### **Carry out the Lord's c \_\_\_\_\_ to pray for workers (38)**

- The followers that Jesus told to p \_\_\_\_\_ with God to send workers into His harvest:
  1. The twelve a \_\_\_\_\_ (which means sent out)
  2. The s \_\_\_\_\_ workers (see Lk 10:1,2)
  3. Therefore, all followers are w \_\_\_\_\_. However, this should not be by title but by action.
- More workers are needed in Oaxaca, Mexico
  1. M \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Sending c \_\_\_\_\_
  3. People who g \_\_\_\_\_
- More workers are needed in our own nation
  1. As we actively look for opportunities to witness, we should be praying for more people to do the same.
  2. 500 people groups in our nation, \_\_\_\_ of them are unreached, many of which are Islamic.

### **Conclusion:**

- Jesus said to the 120 – *As My Father has sent Me, so I send you.* (Jn 20:21).
- Jesus said to the 500 – *Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations...* (Matt 28:18)
- Jesus says to you and me – *The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.*