



Sending Out the Laborers

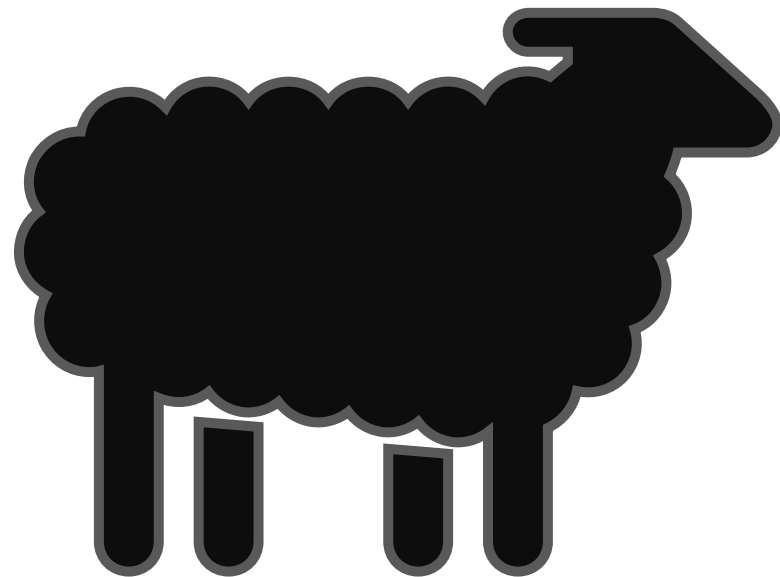
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Matthew 9:35-38

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 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.”

Structure of the Passage

- A. Summary Report of Jesus' Ministry
(Matthew 9:35)
- B. Jesus' Compassion for Lost Sheep
(Matthew 9:36)
- C. Jesus' Commission for Laborers
(Matthew 9:37-38)



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Jesus has demonstrated authority over...

1. **Sickness:** Leprosy, Diseases that Paralyzed, Fever, Hemorrhaging, Deafness, Blindness
2. **Demons**
3. **Nature**
4. **Sin**
5. **Death**



A Christ-like Disciple...

1. Shares the gospel with all, great or small;
2. Risks anonymity to complete the task of disciple-making;
3. Braves being persecuted to share the good news;
4. Proclaims the gospel with both words and deeds.

Matthew 9:36

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Like Sheep without a Shepherd

“May the Lord, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord’s people will not be like sheep without a shepherd” (Numbers 27:16-17).

“For the household gods utter nonsense, and the diviners see lies; they tell false dreams and give empty consolation. Therefore, the people wander like sheep; they are afflicted for lack of a shepherd” (Zechariah 10:2).

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Matthew 10:1, 5-7

“And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction....These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

Matthew 9:37-38

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Matthew 28:18-20

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Take-away Points

1. Christ-like Disciple-making is humble, compassionate, and surrendered
 2. The people of God are still desperate for Christ's leadership
 3. You are already commissioned to make disciples...Go!
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