

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Matthew 9:35-38

Getting Started

Have you ever harvested a crop ahead of a storm? Describe your experience.

Digging In

1. **Read Matthew 9:35-38.** What are the main points that Matthew makes in summarizing Jesus' ministry. (Cf. Matt 4:23)
2. For review: what does it mean to preach the good news of the kingdom?
3. What is the relationship between preaching the kingdom and preaching the gospel? (Cf. supplementary handout)
4. Jesus did not live in a monastery. He was out among the crowds. How can we follow his example?
5. How did Jesus respond when he saw the crowds?
6. Why did he have compassion on them?
7. What do you think it means that the people were harassed and helpless?
8. How are people around us *harassed and helpless* today?
9. How can we respond with compassion? Be specific.
10. In what ways is the harvest plentiful today?
11. The clear command of v. 38 is to pray for more workers. What are some specific ways in which we can do this?



Getting Personal

- Taking an honest look at your life, would you say that you see the crowds as a problem, or as a potential harvest?
- Is there a specific way in which you feel God is calling you to show compassion to those around you? Is there a need to which he is calling you to respond?
- How can we make prayer for workers a regular part of our lives?