



SEEING PEOPLE

OCTOBER 17 | MATTHEW 9:35-38

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. In verse 35, we see a summary description of what Jesus' ministry consisted of on a daily basis (almost identical language to Matthew 4:23). What elements are included in these two verses? How does this help us understand who Jesus is, why Jesus came, and the way of Jesus?
2. What do verses 36-37 reveal to us about Jesus' heart for people? What other passages of Scripture help us understand how Jesus sees and relates to the humans he created?
3. What role does Jesus give to the disciples in verses 37-38? How does it relate to the mission of the church?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. When was the last time you thought about Jesus' heart of compassion for you as the harassed and helpless sheep? Why is this important for us to practice on a consistent basis?
2. Do you see people the way Jesus sees people? What hinders you in this area? What spiritual disciplines might help us change in order to align our hearts with his?
3. Are there any people in your life that God is calling you to see and relate to differently this week?

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

1. Heavenly Father, would you help us remember the great compassion you had for us when we were lost and helpless without you? Would you help us to daily meditate on your love and mercy for us that was ultimately displayed and accomplished through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection so that we can have life in you?
2. Jesus, would you give us eyes and hearts to see people like you do, with the same compassion that you have?
3. Holy Spirit, would you empower us as your church to reflect Jesus' heart of compassion to a harassed and helpless world? Would you save and send even more laborers to be your witnesses so that people would worship you and find life in Jesus?