Labourers
WANTED

Ps Imelda | Matthew 9:35-38

35 Jesus traveled around through all the cities and villages of that area, teaching in the Jewish synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And wherever he went he healed people of every sort of illness.

36 And what pity he felt for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great and they

Matthew 9:35-38

didn't know what to do or where to go for help. They were like sheep without a shepherd.

37 "The harvest is so great, and the workers are so few," he told his disciples.

38 "So pray to the one in charge of the harvesting and ask him to recruit more workers for his harvest fields."

The Reality: Many people feel

- Harassed/troubled/dejected/confused/dispirited/ weary/with great problems

- Helpless/aimless/distressed/didn't know what to do

- Lost (sheep without a shepherd)/didn't know where to go for help"

Matthew 9:36

they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

John 4:24

"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields. They are ripe for harvest."

Only God knows the full depth of someone's pain, need or suffering.

Examples of people who were ready:

- a paralyzed man and his 4 friends (Matthew 9:1-8)

- those spiritually sick (sinners) (Matthew 9:9-17)

- a bleeding woman (Matthew 9:20-22)

- a father with a dead daughter (Matthew 9:18; 23-26)

- two blind men (Matthew 9:27-31)

- a mute/demon-possessed (Matthew 9:32-34)

The Solution: RECRUIT MORE LABOURERS

- **PRAY**

Matthew 9:38 "pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers <u>into His harvest</u>."

- **PREPARE**

Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

God's Response: Whom did God send?

- Jesus sends His 12 disciples (Matthew 10:1-15).

- Jesus sends out 72 of his disciples in two's (Luke 10:2).

Luke 10:3
"Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."

Luke 10:16
"Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you, rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects Him who sent Me."

CONCLUSION

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