

Wednesday Night

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The Fight for Renewal

Matthew 9:35-38

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Mat 9:35

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Mat 9:36

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Mat 9:37-38

“True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that—it is spiritual commerce with the Creator of heaven and earth.”
(Spurgeon)

“When you are facing the impossible, remember that God specializes in doing just that.” (Carmichael)

Introduction

Jesus is traveling through towns and villages, teaching in synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing (v.35).

As He looks at the crowds, He is moved with compassion because they're "weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd" (v.36).

Background

The diagnosis: the need is enormous – “the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few” (v.37).

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“Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” (v38)

Prayer is the first command because the bottleneck is spiritual, not merely practical.

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The enemy fights to keep people shepherd-less

2Co 4:3-4, Col 1:13-14

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The Enemy Resists the Gospel's Advance

Eph 6:12, 2Co 10:4-5

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The Battle Involves Blindness and Deception

2Pe 2:1-2, Heb 3:12-13

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Because God owns the harvest

“Pray the Lord of the harvest...”

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Prayer aligns us with the Owner rather than acting like it
all depends on us

John 15:5

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Only God can send laborers...

Prayer is asking God to do what only God can do.

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Prayer is part of the warfare.

Eph 6:18

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Disciples need covering.

Rom 15:30-31

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Prayer is how you go from “I can’t” to “He can”

2Co 3:5; 12:9-10

Php 4:13

Eph 3:14-16, 20

Col 1:9-11

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Prayer matters because...

God is the Lord of the harvest, and only He can raise up workers, open hearts, and keep us steady in the fight.”

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