

# The Harvest

Part 1: Matthew 9:35-38

## Launch

What comes to mind when you hear the word “farm”? (Any memories, experiences, assumptions, etc.)

## Explore

### Read the passage

Why did Jesus feel compassion? How did this motivate him?

Verse 37 using symbolic language. What does it mean in more tangible terms? (What is the harvest? Who are the workers? Why are they so few?)

According to verse 35, what was Jesus busy doing? How do you suppose this affected his view of people?

## Apply

**Read I Timothy 2:1-4.** What about this verse is hard to do, especially in this season of political turmoil? How does it relate to our main passage?

When you see people who don't know Jesus, how do you see them? How do you feel?

Why is compassion such an important element in our view of lost people?

The original language of this passage implies that, as we're praying for more workers in the harvest, we are already working in the fields. Is this true of you? Do you consider yourself a harvest worker? Why or why not?

## Pray

Pray exactly what Jesus commands: “Plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”