



Sermon Date: December 3, 2023

Sermon Title: King Jesus is Lord of the Harvest

Passage: *Matthew 9:35-38*

...“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few”...

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HIGHLIGHT THE SERMON

Begin by reading the passage (***Matthew 9:35-38***) out loud. What is the main message that Jesus is teaching here? What do these verses say about Jesus Authority?

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EXPLAIN THE PASSAGE

This is a very simple passage to understand. The big idea is *“The harvest is plentiful, and everyone needs to hear about Jesus”*. Jesus was actively going to every city and every village declaring the Gospel and healing every disease and affliction. When he looked at the crowd, He saw a lot of people who desperately needed Him. There were people in the crowd who hated him, yet He still had compassion on them. What is the main problem that Jesus points out? Why is this passage so simple to understand but so difficult to apply to our lives? ***Read Matthew 28:18-20.*** What is our role as individuals and as a church family in filling the labour shortage?

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APPLY THE WORD TO YOUR LIFE

Read Matthew 9:36. Jesus saw the people in the crowd and He had genuine compassion on them. What is the Biblical definition of compassion? What caused Jesus to have compassion on the people in the crowd? Jesus is calling us to have the same compassion that He has for the lost. ***Read Colossians 3:12; Matthew 5:43-44; Luke 23:34; Galatians 6:9; 1 John 4:19.*** What do these verses teach us about compassion? Do you have true compassion for the lost? If so, how is that compassion manifested in your daily life? If not, what are some things that are getting in the way of you having true compassion for lost people?

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RESPOND TO THE WORD

Read Matthew 9:35-38 again. How does this passage challenge you personally? What is “Gospel planting?” ***Read Matthew 5:16.*** What is your role as a Gospel planter? ***Read Matthew 9:18 and Colossians 4:3.*** What does Jesus want you to do about the labour shortage?

Break into two's or three's and spend time praying for your family group members on these topics.