MATTHEW 9.35-38

# THE MISSION

" The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field."

*-Matthew 9.37-38*

"The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest."

-Matthew 9.37-38 CEB

# JESUS—

▸ went through every town and village

▸ teaching in their synagogues

▸ preaching the good news of the kingdom

▸ healing every disease and sickness

# THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM

▸ "good news" (gospel) - *euangelion*

▸ *"the joyous proclamation of God's redemptive activity in Christ Jesus on behalf of all enslaved and broken by sin"*

# WHY IS THERE EUANGELION?

*"And when he saw the crowds of people his heart really went out to them because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd."*

▸ *Euangelion* is quite simply the result of Christ's compassionate heart for people.

Why would we need to plead with the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into His own harvest?

*For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ . . ."*

*-2 Corinthians 5.19-20 NLT*

Where there is no prayer
for workers for the harvest,
there is a tacit belief
that in reality there is no harvest
nor a Lord of the harvest.

When churches do not pray for workers for the harvest, they are rejecting the Lord of the harvest as their Lord and His perspective of the harvest as being a false narrative.

*When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. "What a huge harvest!" he said to his disciples. "How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!"*

-Matthew 9.36-38 THE MESSAGE BIBLE

# SEEING CLEARLY

# Jesus

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