

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
MATTHEW 9:35-38
JULY 10, 2019

INTRODUCTION:

1. There are three actions.
 - a) Teaching (didasko): Explained doctrine. Where did He go?
 - b) Preaching (kerruso): Proclaimed a message of authority. What was the message?
 - c) Healing (therapeuo): Attended to and served others. What did He heal?
2. There are two analogies.
 - a) **MATTHEW 9.36:** *“Like sheep having no shepherd.”* (agriculture)
 - b) **MATTHEW 9.37:** *“The harvest is plentiful”* (horticulture)
3. There is one answer.
 - a) **MATTHEW 9.36:** *“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion”*
 - b) Compassion: Not a choice, but something that was done to Him. Never used of leaders.

I. THE DISTRESS OF BEING LOST

- A. The description of the multitudes.
 1. **MATTHEW 9.36:** *“They were weary”* (ekluo): Literally, to loosen out. Compare with paraluo (Matt. 9.2). It is a mental and emotional weariness. (cf. Eph. 3.13)
 - a) Translated as “discouraged” (Heb. 12.3; cf. v. 12,13)
 - b) Contrasted with “weary” (Heb. 12.3). Exhausted because of hard labor. In this context, “weary” is active while “discouraged” is passive.
 2. **MATTHEW 9.36:** *“They were...scattered”* (rhipto): To throw down.
 - a) Judas threw down (rhipto) the thirty pieces of silver. (Matt. 27.5)
 - b) This was something that was done to them.
 3. **MATTHEW 9.36:** *“like sheep having no shepherd.”*
 - a) A shepherd is one who cares for the flock. (Ps. 23.1; John 10.11-14; 1 Pet. 5.1-4)
 - b) These were people who were discouraged and thrown down, yet they had no one who would care for them and lead them. (Matt. 7.28,29; 27.18; 23.4)
- B. Do you feel lost? Are you struggling? Have you ever said, I don't know what to do? Are you hurting because of the bad decisions? Jesus is the answer! (Matt. 11.27-30)

II. THE DIRECTION OF JESUS

- A. Three directions individuals look to find answers.
 1. Inside to self. But can we direct our own steps? (Prov. 14.12; Jer. 10.23)
 2. Outside to leaders. But we must be careful.
 - a) The religious leaders of Jesus day. (Matt. 15.14; 23.4,13,15,24)
 - b) Follow religious leaders only as they exemplify Christ. (1 Cor. 11.1; Phil. 3.17)
 3. Upwards to Jesus. Is there anywhere else to look? (John 6.68; 14.6; Acts 4.12)
- B. **MATTHEW 9.37:** *“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”*
 1. **MATTHEW 9.38:** *“Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”* Is there anyone who does not need spiritual help?
 2. What did the laborers do? They went out and preached Jesus. (Acts 8.5,35; 28.23)
 3. When we are weary and scattered, where are we to look? (Heb. 12.1-3)