

# Sheep Without a Shepherd

Matthew 9:35-38

**A reminder** from context: Jesus' primary ministry was \_\_\_\_\_. (v.35)

<sup>35</sup> *And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.*

Why preaching? (And what is "the gospel of the kingdom"?)

And why the miracles?

**The lens thru which Jesus sees us** is His \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>36</sup> *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them ...*

At the root of every sermon, every miracle, and every person-to-person encounter was his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ expressed as compassion.

**His compassion was/is tied to their (and our) \_\_\_\_\_:**

*... because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

They were \_\_\_\_\_.

People without Jesus are subject to the wearying, ultimately devastating \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

They were \_\_\_\_\_.

People without Jesus may be \_\_\_\_\_ and even \_\_\_\_\_ for change but are \_\_\_\_\_ on their own of remedying their situation.

What do *you* see when you look at people?

Our first response to lost people should be \_\_\_\_\_ (not \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_).

How can I cultivate compassion? (Or how can I restore it?)

\_\_\_\_\_ *God's compassion towards you and in His Word*

\_\_\_\_\_ *a more compassionate attitude/heart*

\_\_\_\_\_ *empathy by actively \_\_\_\_\_ so that you can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_*

\_\_\_\_\_ *with acts of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_*

\_\_\_\_\_ *and his mercy and compassion in salvation*

**The tragic condition of the lost has one solution – a Good \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Therefore ...**

<sup>37</sup> *Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;*

<sup>38</sup> *therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

\_\_\_\_\_ and see the condition of people with \_\_\_\_\_ eyes.

\_\_\_\_\_ for people to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to obey the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to your own prayer when God sends you.