

His Mission: Our Mission
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Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “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 9:35-38, compare Acts 4:1-13

_____ people... _____ Jesus.

Ordinary + Jesus = _____.

His mission is _____ mission!

1. Our mission is to _____. (v.35)
 - a. Not in our own _____.
Philippians 2:6-7
 - b. In the _____ of the Holy Spirit.
Luke 4:18-19; Acts 10:38; John 20:21-22;
2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Jesus		Us
Luke 1:35 <i>physically</i>	_____ of the Spirit	John 3:3-8 <i>spiritually</i>
Luke 3:22	_____ with the Spirit	Ephesians 5:18
Luke 4:1	_____ by the Spirit	Romans 8:14

- c. Taking part in the _____ work on earth.
Mark 16:19-20

The “Great Commission” is the Great _____ - mission.
It’s me/you/us + Jesus on mission _____.

“God isn’t looking for people of great faith, but for individuals ready to follow Him.” — Hudson Taylor

2. Our mission is to _____. (v.36)

Gr. *splanchnizomai* “To be moved as to one’s inwards.” Used 12x of Christ’s compassion towards the multitude or individual sufferers
Matthew 9:36; 14:14; 15:32; 18:27; 20:34; Mark 1:41; 6:34; 8:2; of the appeal of a father for a demon-possessed son, 9:22; Luke 7:13; 10:33; of the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son, 15:20.

Compassion is God’s _____ response to the lost, hurting and broken.

3. Our mission is to _____
_____ (vv.37-38).

Jesus sends out workers into His harvest field on 3 separate occasions:

1. Samaria (John 4:34-42) → _____
2. Galilee (Matthew 10:1) → _____
3. Nearing Jerusalem (Luke 10:1-2) → _____

_____ the Lord of the harvest:

“Lord, what are you _____ to me?”

“Lord, what do you want me to _____?”

Study Guide

Lord, what are you saying? What do you want me to do?

1. As Jesus entered towns and villages He brought along His disciples, using every available opportunity to teach and equip them to continue His mission. Write down the name of someone who has been a “spiritual parent” in your life (past or present), and share how that individual has strengthened your walk.
2. Write down the name of someone you are helping to mentor, or could possibly mentor. Share one way you have functioned as a mentor or spiritual parent, and why every believer should be one.
3. Read Mark 1:32-39 (note v.35); 6:34-56 (note v.46) and 14:32-42 (note vv.32, 35, 39). How important was prayer in the life of Jesus? Discuss the role prayer plays in your life and/or group and identify at least one way you can grow in prayer.
4. Read Philippians 2:6-7. What do you think it meant for Jesus to “make himself nothing”? How do we imitate “the form of a servant” in our own lives?
5. Jesus showed tremendous compassion. Review some or all of the Scripture passages under point #2. Share a time when you showed compassion in Jesus’ name. How did you feel in the moment? How did you feel afterwards? How do we continue to see and respond to needs without burning out?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20, 13:5 and Colossians 1:27. What does it mean to be “Christ’s ambassadors” and having “Christ in you”? Share a time when words weren’t needed to see God move in a powerful way, or a time when words were absolutely necessary.
7. Share one way you have gathered the harvest in the past, and one way you are gathering the harvest in the present. Share how Jesus has helped/is helping you bring people into His Kingdom.