



Series: Unexpected Messiah
Passage Mathew 9:35- 10:16
Title: Jesus Wants To Use Your Life
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Discussion Starter – Why do you think that Jesus wants to use ordinary yet diverse people to build His kingdom?

The Compassion of Jesus (verses 9:35-36)

- Jesus went about the villages, teaching, preaching and healing. In what way does this demonstrate His compassion for people?
- What was the difference between teaching and preaching and how are these connected to the healing that He did among the people?
- Why was Jesus moved to compassion when He saw the multitudes? How is this different than our own level or ability to have compassion for people?
- Why do you think that God's love and profound compassion for man is only found in the Judeo-Christian religions as compared to all the other religions of the world? Read John 14:6 and 1 John 4:9-10. What insights do we gain from these scriptures that help to answer the question above?
- What is the context and meaning of being weary and scattered in this passage? What two things does Jesus give us to overcome being weary and scattered, if we are willing to respond to His love?
- When we are weary we need rest and peace. What is the difference between what the world offers us for rest and peace as compared to what Jesus give us as believers? What does this peace enable us to do? Read Philippians 1:12-4 and Psalm 91:1-4. Discuss the additional insights seen in these verses.
- Jesus doesn't want us to be scattered like lost sheep without a shepherd. What are the elements of a stable foundation in Christ that keep us on track so that we are not scattered like lost sheep? Read Matthew 7:24-27 and James 1:2-8. What are some of the behavioral responses you see mentioned in these verses that either confirm or deny the foundation of Christ in our lives?

Jesus Wants to Use Your Life (Verses 9:37-10:16)

- Read Matthew 9:37-38. What do these verses mean to you? How are we often kept from thinking about the message contained in these two verses?
- What assurance did the disciples have for their calling to go out and preach the gospel? Do you think that assurance pass on to us also? Why or why not?
- Read Matthew 10:5-8. Why did Jesus give these special instructions at this time? Which if any of these instructions apply to us today and why?
- Read Matthew 10:9-16. Describe in your own words each of the elements Jesus is giving instructions on how to be prepared when being sent out into the harvest of His kingdom.