

**Thirsting for more of God, from God, & out of life.**

*The harvest:*

When he saw **the crowds**, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

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**The harvest is people from all walks of life experiencing all types of need.**

**The harvest entails special attention to the vulnerable within a society.**

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. <sup>18</sup> He defends the cause of **the fatherless** and **the widow**, and loves **the foreigner** residing among you, giving them food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

“Because **the poor are plundered** and **the needy groan**, I will now arise,” says the Lord. “I will protect them from those who malign them.”

Psalms 12:5

Learn to do right; **seek justice**. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

Isaiah 1:17

**The harvest is cared for & ruled by God.**

*Jesus' heart:*

he had **compassion** on them,

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*God's rule:*

Ask **the Lord of the harvest**, therefore, to send out workers into **his harvest field**

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**The harvest is plentiful.**

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is **plentiful** but the workers are few.

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*The workers:*

Jesus went throughout Galilee, **teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.**

Matthew 4:23

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.**

Matthew 9:35

Jesus **called his twelve disciples to him** and **gave them authority** to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

Matthew 10:1

As you go, **proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’**<sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Matthew 10:7

*See as Jesus **sees**:*

When **he saw** the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

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Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”<sup>33</sup> Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”<sup>34</sup> “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”<sup>35</sup> Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? **I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.**

John 4:31-35

*Feel as Jesus **feels**:*

When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion on them**, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

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but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.<sup>54</sup> When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, **“Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?”**<sup>55</sup> But Jesus turned and rebuked them.<sup>56</sup> Then he and his disciples went to another village.

Luke 9:53-55

**Compassion **always costs** the person who has it.**

*Do as Jesus **does**:*

rather, **he made himself nothing** by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—**even death on a cross!**

Philippians 2:7-8

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

John 17:18

**The harvest needs workers who look like Jesus & are sent in the power of Jesus.**

*What comes next:*

**Pray to God for the harvest**

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field

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**Partner with God in the harvest**

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. <sup>9</sup> For **we are co-workers in God's service**; you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9