

- sermon notes -

Are We **OPEN** to Reaching the World?

Matt. 28:18-20

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...." (Matt. 28:19a)

1) We need to ______ _____.

"When he <u>saw the crowds</u>, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd."

(Matt. 9:36)

"<u>Open your eyes</u> and look at the fields, because they are ready for harvest." (John 4:35)

2) We need to ______ _____.

"...he felt compassion for them" Matthew 9:36

"As he approached and saw the city, <u>he wept for it</u>...." (Luke 19:41)

"Brothers and sisters, my <u>heart's desire</u> and prayer to God concerning them is for their salvation." (Rom. 10:1)

"For the love of Christ compels us...." (2 Cor. 5:14a)

3) We need to ______.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...." (Matt. 28:19a)

"The Lord came, stood there, and called as before, 'Samuel, Samuel!' Samuel responded, 'Speak, for <u>your servant is listening</u>."" (1 Sam. 3:10)

"Then I <u>heard the voice of the Lord</u> asking: 'Who will I send? Who will go for us?' I said: 'Here I am. Send me.'" (Isa. 6:8)

"During the night Paul had a vision in which <u>a Macedonian man was</u> <u>standing and pleading with him</u>, 'Cross over to Macedonia and help us!' After he had seen the vision, we immediately made efforts to set out for Macedonia, concluding that <u>God had called</u> us to preach the gospel to them." (Acts 16:9-10)

4) We need to ______.

"For 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? <u>And</u> <u>how can they hear about him unless someone tells them</u>? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?"

(Rom. 10:13-15a, NLT)

"So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. <u>We speak for Christ</u> when we plead, 'Come back to God!'"

(2 Cor. 5:20, NLT)

"Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me <u>when I open</u> <u>my mouth</u> to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be <u>bold enough to</u> <u>speak</u> about it as I should." (Eph. 6:19-20)

5) We need to ______.

Acts 17:16-34

"And how will anyone go and tell them without <u>being sent</u>?" (Rom. 10:15a, NLT)

6) We need to ______ _____.

"And you Philippians know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of <u>giving</u> and receiving except you alone. For even in Thessalonica <u>you sent gifts</u> for my need several times." (Phil. 4:15-16)

"...and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. For they went out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore <u>we ought to support such people</u>, so that we may prove <u>to be fellow workers</u> with the truth." (3 John 6-8, NASB)