



Preparing for Harvest

Matthew 9:36-38

1. A _____ View of the Crowd

Those broken and rejected in the world are the harassed and helpless in the eyes of Christ. The shepherds of Israel were of no use, for they had cast away the sheep. Jesus, the Great Shepherd, looked upon them and was moved with compassion.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"
~ Luke 13:34

2. See the _____ Correctly

The problem lies not in a lack of harvest, but a lack of laborers. Many will look at the crowds and believe there is no hope for them, that they cannot be reached. However, there is an abundance of souls to be saved beyond the limits of our comfort.

"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."
~ John 4:25

3. _____ in Earnest

Truly, we must pray for the lost. But let our prayers follow this command that we should, with earnest desperation, pray that the Lord would send out laborers who will work the harvest. And, then, open your heart to be sent by God into the field.

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ~ 1 Corinthians 3:5-6

Matthew 20:1

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard."



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Additional Scripture References
(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

Luke 15:20

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Romans 9:15

For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

Psalms 78:38

Yet he, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his wrath.

Ezekiel 33:11

Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Revelation 14:15

And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe."

Romans 1:13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles.

Psalms 126:6

He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

2 Thessalonians 3:1

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you.