What Do You See?

Matthew 9:35-38 (p. 968)

Intro:

1. We are <u>confronted</u> with an <u>urgent</u> question.

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

→ What do you <u>see</u> when you see people?

"compassion" [σπλαγχνίζομαι, *splagchnizomai*]:

Jesus saw their <u>condition</u>, not just their <u>needs</u>.

"harassed" [σκύλλομαι, *skyllomai*]:

"helpless" [ῥιπίζομαι, *rhipizomai*]:

37 *Then he said to his disciples,* ***"The harvest is plentiful…"***

2. We are <u>commanded</u> to an <u>earnest</u> task.

37 "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;* 38 ***therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."***

"pray earnestly" [δέομαι, *deomai*]:

3. We are <u>compelled</u> by an <u>eternal</u> reality.

37 *Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;* 38 *therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

11 *…knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.*

(2 Corinthians 5:11)

→ There will be a <u>final</u> <u>harvest</u>.

30 *Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.* 31 *And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

(Matthew 24:30–31)

4. We are <u>controlled</u> by a <u>holy</u> love.

13 *For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.* 14 *For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;* 15 *and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*

(2 Corinthians 5:13–15)