

# sermon study guide

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Sermon Title: Thy Kingdom Come - Part 3: Made for Mission

## IN - PURSUE RELATIONSHIP

1. What is the most difficult or unexpected task you volunteered to take on? What benefit did you gain from this experience?
2. Describe a situation where you felt compassion rising up in you. What circumstances caused this?

## UP - PURSUE GOD

Read *Matthew 9:35-38*.

3. What needs and what potential does Jesus see in the crowds? What does he compare them to and why?
4. These past few weeks at CSC we've been hearing sermons about God's kingdom breaking into this world. In what ways do you see the kingdom of God materializing in these verses?

## OUT - PURSUE MISSION

5. Pastor Wayne pointed out a progression in these verses: Feel compassion -> See potential -> Pray for workers -> Be available to join the Lord in his work. Which one of these steps comes naturally to you? Which one might God be prompting you to engage in more?

Read *Ephesians 2:10*.

6. Each one of us is uniquely equipped to reach and love people that others cannot. What part of you fits perfectly into a task that has been prepared just for you? What practical steps can you take to share Jesus' message of hope and love to others?

### ***For Personal Reflection/Prayer:***

*Pastor Wayne said, "We need to see the world around us through God's lens and allow the depth of our being to be moved by the brokenness around us." Will you be moved by compassion? Will you see the potential in the people and circumstances around you? Will you pray to the Lord for workers? Will you be available and open?*

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### THE WORD (NIV)

#### **Matthew 9:35-38**

<sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

#### **Ephesians 2:10**

<sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

# sermon study summary

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Jesus' mission was to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10). As part of his mission, he showed God's love and power to the people through teaching, proclaiming the word (the good news), and healing the sick. But Jesus' mission was not his alone. If we are his disciples, if we claim his promises, then we are made for mission--his mission. We must see the needs around us and meet these needs as Jesus did.

Pastor Wayne drew out three profound truths of being on mission that Jesus demonstrates from Matthew 9:35-38.

**First, what did Jesus feel?** Jesus saw the crowd and was motivated by compassion. For example, he said that if he sent the crowd away, they would collapse from hunger (Mark 8:2.) And so, he met their needs and fed them. This compassion was not pity, but a deep yearning in the very depths of his being. He saw their lostness, like sheep without a shepherd. In Luke 15:3-7, Jesus told how the shepherd left the 99 safe sheep to find one lost sheep. Who are the lost sheep? Those who have not experienced the life of Jesus and found the way to a full life.

We need Jesus' compassion. When we see what Jesus saw, we can be moved by the brokenness around us. Compassion from the depth of our being propels us into action. Do you see the world around you with the eyes of Jesus - with compassion?

**Secondly, what did Jesus see?** He saw the potential for a great harvest for the kingdom (Matthew 9:37). But too few workers made the harvest impossible. Who were the workers? At that time, they were his own disciples (Matthew 10:1). Today we are his workers. God created us to do good works which Jesus has already prepared for us to do (Ephesians 2:10) Jesus trains us to make disciples so that we can make other disciples who will also carry out his work (Matthew 28:19).

You are already equipped with spiritual gifts to have a role in making this great harvest of souls possible - to love and reach people in your circle of relationships. You matter to God's plan and purposes. Continuing in Ephesians 2:10, Paul said we are God's handiwork, and that means God's masterpiece or work of art. God wants to use you with what you have already received – acts of kindness and service. Jesus said that even a cup of cold water in his name would be rewarded (Matthew 10:42). How can you use your life so that others can be impacted for Jesus through you?

**Thirdly, what did Jesus say we are to do?** In Matthew 9:38 he said we're to pray and ask him, the Great Provider, to send out workers into his harvest field. If you pray for the Lord to send reapers for the harvest, will you be prepared to be the first harvester to the lost and broken? Many times, God will use you to be the answer to both your own prayers and to the prayers of others.

Pastor Wayne's personal purpose statement is directly connected to Jesus' great kingdom mission and to use his uniqueness to partner with God as one who is "Made for Mission".