

The Harvest Is Plentiful; The Workers Are Few

Matthew 9:35-10:4

Key Verse: 9:37-38

“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”

1. Read verse 35. How is Jesus' ministry described? What is the good news he proclaimed? How is he revealed through his ministry as the Messiah? As Deity? (Isa 35:5, 6; Mt 9:6,27, 25)
2. Read 9:36. How did Jesus regard the crowd? What does it mean to have compassion? What is compassion? Why did Jesus have compassion of the crowd? What does it mean to be sheep without a shepherd? What does it mean to be a shepherd?
3. What did Jesus say to his disciples? (37-38) What was the harvest he saw? What prayer topic did he give them? What does this mean?
4. Read 10:1. Who did Jesus call to him? What does this mean? Why? (9:12) How did Jesus equip his disciples? Why? How does this verse fit with his ministry and prayer topic in 9:35-38?
5. Read verses 2-4. What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle? What are the names of the 12 apostles? Think about each pair. What can you learn about each of them from this introduction?