

“Outreach Requires a Broken Heart”

Matthew 9:35-38

God is able to break the heart of affluent Christians in order to reach a hurting lost world.

Steps to outreach:

1. **Look**—see the harvest; recognize the needs of those without Christ.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching..., preaching..., and healing... When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them... —Matthew 9:35-36

A. We see through our **own** brokenness.

Our failings and struggles.
Jesus' example.

B. We can see by **sharing** the brokenness of others.

Ministry experiences, Mission trips, and intimacy with broken people.

C. We may see and **not see**—eyes of compassion are not guaranteed.

We can be at the right place at the **wrong** time.

We can be at the right place and time but be **offended**.

2. **Be Broken**—moved by compassion for the lost and hurting.

“He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” —Matthew 9:36

- **Defined:** *Had Compassion*—moved inside, ache, moved to one's core, moved to action.

Jesus—Matthew 9:35

Good Samaritan—Luke 10:33

- **Jesus' reason for compassion:**

Harassed—fainted, grow weary.

Helpless—cast down, fall.

Like sheep without a shepherd—(no one to care or guide them)

Physical needs and protection.

Guidance and direction.

When He saw the throngs, He was moved with pity and sympathy for them, because they were bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd.
—Matthew 9:36 (Amplified Bible)

3. **Pray**—be broken in intercession for the Lost.

³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”
—Matthew 9:37-38

Broken intercession prays:

Daily

Continually

Compassionately

Tearfully

Sacrificially

Now is the time of Harvest.

Now is the time for Compassion.

“Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”
—John 4:35

Memory Verse:

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