

### Taking it Home:

- READ Matthew 9:35-38. There are obvious motives why Jesus reached out to the lost: (1) His compassion for the lost and (2) because Jesus saw man's lost condition (*distressed & downcast*) thus their need for a Savior. How about your family members, friends and neighbors who are lost; do you have compassion for their "lost" condition? Who will tell them about their need for a Savior?
- **CHALLENGE:** Make a list and pray every day for 30 days for people you know who need salvation; be specific! Also, pray for 30 days for God to raise up new workers to carry the Gospel into your family, neighborhood, school, work place, community, nation, internationally.
- Be open to becoming one of the workers of the harvest that Jesus spoke about in Matthew 9:35-38. Are you willing to be at Jesus' disposal to become one of His workers?

### Related Resources:

- The Gospel According to Jesus, Dr. John F. MacArthur
- More than a Carpenter, Josh McDowell
- The Case for Christ, Lee Strobel
- Alone with God; Rediscovering the Power and Passion of Prayer, Dr. John F. MacArthur

The Harvest is Ready  
Matthew 9:35-38

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Notes:

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# Growth Group Homework

For the week of November 28, 2010

Matthew 9:35-38

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## Quick Review:

Moved by compassion, Jesus wanted to shepherd all of Israel. He knew that there were many who were ready to believe. Recognizing that, He cast a vision for his disciples—one of a ripe harvest in need of workers. Effective leaders look for opportune moments and use clear examples to communicate their vision. Jesus was a contagious leader who demonstrated the true characteristics of a shepherd; love, care, concern, compassion, and most of all guiding people to spiritual birth and spiritual growth.

## My Story:

Share your personal testimony of how you came to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior? Who shared the Gospel with you?

## Growing Deeper:

- What is “*the harvest*” Jesus was talking about in Matthew 9:35-38 and who are the “*harvest workers?*” Why are there so few harvest workers?
- Nick Hall stated that the **urgency** today in Fargo, ND, 2010 is the same as in Jesus’ time—there are few workers to go into the world to spread the Gospel. What are some of the solutions Nick Hall mentioned on how to raise up new workers for the Gospel? What can you personally do?
- Who can reach the lost, hell-bound world of sinful, hurting people who need to hear and accept the Gospel? Who will tell them of their plight and show the lost people the way of escape? Read and interpret the following Scriptures: **Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Romans 10:15; 17; Colossians 3:16-17.**
- Nick Hall shared the extremely important, simple **message** that the harvest workers are to share with the lost. What is the message that must be preached to the lost people of this world? (Cf. John 3:3-8; 3:16; 3:36; 6:40; 11:25-26; 14:6; 1 Thess. 5:9; Titus 3:3-7; 1 John 5:11-12).
- Make a list of all of Jesus’ shepherding/leadership characteristics in Matthew 9:35-38. Compare the list of Jesus’ shepherding characteristics to the role of the elder (*episkopos/presbyter*: “*overseer/bishop*”) in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. Make a list of the comparisons. Is there anything missing in the elder qualifications that you may see in Jesus’ characteristics?
- What is the **answer** that Nick Hall mentioned in his message of how the “Church” can raise up more workers for “harvesting” the lost? (Matt. 9:38). How do followers of Jesus talk to God and make requests to Him? (Cf. Rom. 8:26-27; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2-3; 1 Thess. 5:17).