

## The Lord of the Harvest Questions

### Matthew 9:35-38

- I. Read through Matthew 9. As mentioned on Sunday, Matthew is writing his Gospel to show his predominately Jewish audience that Jesus is the Messiah.
  - A. In what ways does Jesus authenticate this reality?
  - B. Are there any OT passages that come to mind of which Christ fulfills in this chapter?
- II. What are the two main components of a missional church? How are these essential as it relates to the proclamation of the gospel message (see Romans 10:14)?
- III. How does Christ show affection for his people?
  - A. Read Matthew 9:10-13 and Luke 19:10. Why did every city and village matter to Christ? How does his activity challenge us?
  - B. What did his ministry consist of in these cities and villages? Why do you think the order is important?
  - C. What was the motive behind Christ's affection for his people? Think of the meaning of the word compassion.
  - D. Read Ezekiel 34:1-5. How was Christ different from the shepherds of Israel?
- IV. In light of the crowd's spiritual condition, how does Christ guide his disciples?
- V. What does it mean to pray earnestly?
- VI. If prayer is not the changing of God's thoughts or actions, what does it mean to pray earnestly for the lord to supply the workers?