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Go Out

I have heard you say that you want to be like me. I have heard you say that you want to do what I did. I have heard you say that you want to love like I loved, serve like I served and give like I gave. Have I heard you correctly? Are these your true thoughts and feelings? Yes, you have heard me correctly. Yes, these are my true thoughts and feelings. **That's good. I had no doubt that you have said these things and that you want them to be true in your life. I just wanted to remind you of them as we discuss how I loved, served and gave. Now, I have a couple questions for you. What do you notice about me?** I'm not sure what you mean. **Did I sit around and wait for people to come to me?** Could you be a little more specific? **Yes, I can be much more specific. The world is full of people who do not know me. Did I sit around and wait for them to come to know me?** No, certainly not. You went through all the towns and villages. You went out searching for people who did know you. You engaged with people so that they could come to know you. **How about you? Did I sit around and wait for you to come to know me?** No, you did not. You sought me out. You tracked me down. You brought people into my life so that I could come to know you. You used people to help me to come to know and love and follow and serve you. **Yes, I did. Have I set before you an example to follow? Have people that have helped you to come to know me set before you an example to follow?** There is no doubt about that. I understand what you are saying to me. **What am I saying to you?** You want me to go out. You want me to help others to come to know you. You want me to engage with others with the hope and desire and plan that they will also come to know and love and follow and serve you. **Yes, I do. You are hearing me loud and clear. That's good. Yes, it is. I will do what you ask of me. I will go out to help people to come to know you. I will allow you to use me in your harvest field. There is one more thing I would like you to do for me. What's that? Pray that an abundance of workers will join you in my harvest field so that a multitude of people will come to follow me as their Savior and Lord. That I will also do. Doing both will be very good.**

Lord, I will go out to work in your harvest field. Use me to help others to come to know and love and follow and serve you. I will also pray for workers to join me in your harvest field so a multitude of people will come to follow you as their Savior and Lord. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Into His Harvest Field*

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 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."

NIV Matthew 9:35-38

Becoming Like Christ *Into His Fields*

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

NLT Matthew 9:35-38

Becoming Like Christ *Into His Harvest*

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

NRSV Matthew 9:35-38

Becoming Like Christ *Into His Harvest*

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom and curing all kinds of disease and every weakness *and* infirmity. 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. Then He said to His disciples, The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. So pray to the Lord of the harvest to force out *and* thrust laborers into His harvest.

AMP Matthew 9:35-38

Becoming Like Christ *Into His Harvest*

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He **said* to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

NASB Matthew 9:35-38

Becoming Like Christ *Into His Harvest*

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

ESV Matthew 9:35-38

Becoming Like Christ *Into His Harvest*

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

NKJV Matthew 9:35-38

Becoming Like Christ *For Harvest Hands*

Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. "What a huge harvest!" he said to his disciples. "How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!"

MSG Matthew 9:35-38

Becoming Like Christ *His Harvest Fields*

Jesus traveled around through all the cities and villages of that area, teaching in the Jewish synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And wherever he went he healed people of every sort of illness. And what pity he felt for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great and they didn't know what to do or where to go for help. They were like sheep without a shepherd. "The harvest is so great, and the workers are so few," he told his disciples. "So pray to the one in charge of the harvesting, and ask him to recruit more workers for his harvest fields."

TLB Matthew 9:35-38

Becoming Like Christ *His Harvest*

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News about the kingdom, and healing all kinds of diseases and sicknesses. When he saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were hurting and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus said to his followers, "There are many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them. Pray to the Lord, who owns the harvest, that he will send more workers to gather his harvest."

NCV Matthew 9:35-38

Into His Harvest Field

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – Matthew 9:35-38

In Context: *Read Matthew 9*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will go out to work in your harvest field. Use me to help others to come to know and love and follow and serve you. I will also pray for workers to join me in your harvest field so a multitude of people will come to follow you as their Savior and Lord. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Who went out of their way to help you to come to know Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

What did others do to help you to begin to follow Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

Why would it have been unlikely for you to become a follower of Jesus Christ without help from others?

Who has helped you to continue to know and love and follow and serve Jesus Christ throughout your life?

How has your compassion for others motivated your desire to reach them for Jesus Christ?

How has the Lord led you to go out and work in His harvest field so that others can come to know Him?

How has the Lord led you to pray for an abundance of workers to join you in working in His harvest?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Pray for others to join you as you go out to work in the Lord's harvest field.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will bring an abundance of workers to join you in working in His harvest field.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has led you to go out and work in His harvest field.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you pray for an abundance of workers to join you in the Lord's harvest field.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will pray for an abundance of workers to join me in your harvest field.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I pray for others to join me in your harvest field today?
