



Your Work in God's Story Matthew 9:35-38

1. Begin by reading Matthew 9:35-38. Discuss anything that stands out to you from this passage? What surprises you, challenges you or excites you?
2. In v36 we discover what motivates Jesus' ministry. Describe what Jesus saw and felt when he looked at the crowds. When you look at those around you what do you see? In what ways are people harassed and helpless today?
3. What does compassion mean to you? Who do you feel you have compassion for? (Who makes your gut turn like Jesus' did that day) What overrides this compassion at times for you? (e.g., busyness/worrying what people think etc.)
4. Why is it so striking that Jesus looks at the desperate crowds and talks about a plentiful harvest? V38 Why should this give us optimism when we think about sharing our faith?
5. What does Jesus mean when he says, "the harvest is plenty, but the workers are few"? What is the harvest, where is the harvest? Why do you think the workers are few? How does this verse challenge us? Why do you think, is there an urgency to find workers?
6. Where or what or who is the harvest field for you at this point in time? Who are those people that God has given you to work alongside, to spend your leisure time with, to do life with at the school gate or the office or on the bus?
7. Can you think of an example of a time you really wanted to talk about Jesus and didn't? We've all done it! What held you back? What would you or could you have differently? What would help you to take the opportunity another time?
8. V38 Why is it important to remember who the harvest belongs to? Also read Matthew 28:18-20 notice whose authority we are sent in and what promise is given? How does this encourage you as a worker in the fields?
9. What place does prayer play in sharing our faith? Discuss why Jesus calls his disciples to pray before he sends them out.
10. Pray specifically for each other this week to be seeking for opportunities to share Jesus in your 'field'.