

Home Group Leader's Notes  
Week of November 25, 2018

SHARE IT

What kinds of experiences move you to be concerned for others?

**NOTES TO LEADERS: Our focus this week is on Jesus' compassion and promise to work through us as we pray and reach.**

LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

Read Matthew 9:35-38. What were the specific actions of Jesus? (35) How might these actions parallel something we could do in people's lives today?

Jesus actions

Us today

**NOTES TO LEADERS: The purpose of this is to see that can we doing the same kinds of actions as Jesus:**

- We can be intentional about going
- We can learn how to share the good news
- We can serve and care for the people in our worlds
- We can pray and learn to have Jesus' compassion
- We can learn to see the people as Jesus sees them.
- We can ask for and help send and be workers

<sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

What did Jesus 'see' in the crowds? (36) What did He say to do about this? (37-38)

**NOTES TO LEADERS: Jesus saw the state of the people in this and the eternal realms – harassed and helpless. He said to pray for workers. He also previously called them to be workers.**

According to this passage, what is God's master plan to help the helpless?

**NOTES TO LEADERS: God's master plan is to work through His people to reach the world with His good news and enter into His kingdom.**

## DISCUSS TOGETHER

What does it mean to be “among the people” in your world? From our passage, what actions and motivations might this include?

**NOTES TO LEADERS: To be “among the people” will be different for each of us. However, many things are the same:**

- **Motivations (compassion, the glory of God, obedience in love to Jesus)**
- **Actions include being intentional about building relationships, caring for and about people (cf. healing), sharing our lives and goods, etc.**

What kinds of situations move you to compassion? As moderns, what keeps us from living out compassion like Jesus? What helps you/us have compassion?

**NOTES TO LEADERS: This will be helpful to know about ourselves.**

What resources has God promised us if we decide to bring Jesus to our worlds? What might this look like as we are “among the people?”

- **Holy Spirit**
- **Good news / God’s Words**
- **One another**
- **Prayer**
- **Spiritual gifts**
- **Skills and abilities**
- **resources**

## PRAY

- For people who are hurting during this holiday season
- For people you will see during this season
- For our Children’s Christmas Musical on December 9.

## APPLY IT THIS WEEK

Pray with a friend about people you will “be among” this season.

Grace to you,  
Steve