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on your knees
and pray for
harvest hands

MATTHEW
9:38



Sermon outline: Harvest Hands by Lieutenant Tharwat Eskander.

“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!”

Matthew 9:35-38, The Message

In this passage, Jesus is seen ministering to towns and villages, teaching, sharing the good news, healing the sick, and restoring the broken.

This is real ministry. It's to be close to the lost, the broken, the sick, and the hopeless, but it's also challenging. Jesus saw how enormous the need was. He saw the people as the harvest. The harvest must bring joy and gladness, but there aren't enough workers to harvest. This work needs way more labourers, and He is calling us to labour with him, to work with him, and to harvest with him.

To work with God, we need to see the harvest. Before we respond to this passage, we must ask ourselves these questions.

-Do we have the eyes to see people outside our circle of relationships?

It started when Jesus looked out over the crowds. Do we see people around us who don't know Jesus yet? Do we notice those we interact with daily?

-Do we have the compassion Jesus had for the lost?

Then, after looking at the crowd, Jesus had compassion for them; in the Message translation, it says that his “heart broke.”

Our hearts need to break whenever we see the broken, hurting, suffering and lost.

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-Do we have the urgency to go to the harvest as he did?

Jesus saw the urgent need for labourers; we need to have the same urgency and zeal when it comes to the lost.

-Do we pray regularly for the harvest?

Praying for the harvest will make it a priority in our hearts and align our hearts with the Father's.

This week let's take every encounter—whether with a cashier, an Uber driver, a co-worker, or anyone we meet—as an opportunity to see them truly. Let's pause, take a genuine interest in who they are, and let God stir an urgency in our hearts for them. Pray for that one person God places on your heart, that they might encounter His love and hope. Let's carry His light into each interaction, embracing the harvest one person at a time."

This approach encourages a thoughtful, relational approach to sharing faith.

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