

CALL TO PRAYER

Encountering God Through Scripture



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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



Prepare

Make sure you are sitting comfortably.
Breathe slowly and deeply. Ask God to
speak to you through this passage.

Read

Slowly read Matthew 9:35-38, allowing the words to echo and resonate, sink in and settle into your heart. As you read, listen for a word or phrase that strikes you or catches your attention. Allow for a moment of silence, repeating that word or phrase to yourself.

Reflect

Slowly read the passage again.

Consider why the word or phrase stood out to you? What do you notice? How is your heart responding to this word/phrase? Is there some feeling or intention you need to embrace from it?

Respond

Read the passage one more time, listening for your own deepest and truest response. In silence after the reading, allow your prayer to flow from your heart. Speak to God about what stirs within you.

Pay attention to any sense that God is inviting you to act or respond in some way to the word you have heard. You may find it helpful to write your prayer or journal at this point.

Rest

Sit quietly in God's presence. Soak in what has stood out to you. Let God's compassion rest on you.



Resolve

As you emerge from this place of personal encounter with God, resolve to carry this word or phrase with you and to live it out in the context of daily life and activity.



Intercessory Prayer

Pray for all active officers serving in our territory.

Pray for those sensing a call to full-time ministry but needing clarity or courage.

Pray for the Spirit to stir and call new workers.

Breath Prayer

*Inhale: Lord of the harvest ...
Exhale: stir hearts for Your work.*

Reflection

Are there ways you can encourage others to join God's work?

Who might God be calling you to intercede for?

