

JESUS' MISSIONAL PRAYER

For the week of September 5, 2020

Matthew 9:35-38

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GET GOING

- Pastor Ed Stezer shared that he is not “naturally inclined to prayer,” which causes him to be more intentional about praying. Are you naturally inclined to prayer? Why or why not?
- Who is someone in your life that models prayer well. What do they model that you might emulate?
- Prayer and Bible reading has declined during the pandemic. Has your personal prayer life increased, decreased, or stayed the same during the pandemic? What does your increase, decrease or staying the same reveal about your spiritual health?

KEEP GROWING

- Matthew 9:35 tells us that Jesus’ Kingdom mission of teaching, preaching and healing, has now been handed down to Christians. In what ways has this universal mandate of every believer become lost in the church?
- “Compassion” literally means to be “moved with your bowels.”
In context, a) Jesus is moved with deep compassion, love and pity for His people (cf. Philippians 1:8, “yearn”), and b) therefore, moved to prayer. How have you experienced “compassion” linked to your prayer life? If you have not yet experienced this link, how might linking compassion to prayer provide a new source of fuel for prayer?
- In Matthew 6, Jesus not only shared about His mission and compassion, but revealed that He will use you(!) to accomplish this mission. Read Matthew 10:1-5a and 2 Corinthians 5:20. How do these passages encourage and challenge you to teach, preach, and heal (Matthew 9:35)? Of these three (teach, preach, heal), which of these is the hardest for you to become an ambassador?

Bonus Challenge

Jesus says in Matthew 9:37, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”* Consider: a) How might God be calling you to join the mission of becoming a laborer? How might God be calling you to say, “yes?” or b) Who is someone that you know that needs to know Jesus? Write down their names and reach out to them this week.

Memory Verse

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send our labors into his harvest”
(Matthew 9:37-38).

