

Is Healing Important in Outreach? (Matthew 9:35-10:8)

Jesus Our Healer – Part 4
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Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 9:35 (NIV) 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.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NIV) Our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.

1. Have _____ for people

Matthew 9:36a (NIV) When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them

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A. Have compassion for the _____

Matthew 9:36b (NIV) When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless ...

B. Have compassion for the _____

Matthew 9:36c (NIV) When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

2. Believe for the _____

A. Believe the harvest is _____

Matthew 9:37 (NIV) Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

B. Pray for harvest _____

Matthew 9:38 (NIV) Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

3. _____ as a harvest worker

Matthew 10:1, 5a(NIV) He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. ...These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: ...

A. Speak God's _____

Matthew 10:7 (NIV) As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'

B. Demonstrate God's _____

Matthew 10:8 (NIV) Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Luke 10:9 (NIV) Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'

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Study Guide

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Intro. Do you find it easy or difficult to share your faith? Why?

In what ways does the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 apply to each believer?

Compare Jesus' outreach (Matthew 9:35) with Paul's outreach (1 Thessalonians 1:5). How do these principles apply to us today?

- 1A. Why is having compassion for people the first essential step for outreach (Matthew 9:36a)?
- 1B. In what ways are people harassed, helpless and like sheep without a shepherd today (Matthew 9:36b)?
- 1C. How do you think you could grow in compassion for the lost and believers not walking with God?

- 2A. What is the harvest that Jesus talks about (John 4:35-38)?
- 2B. Why are more people not being saved and disciplined in the church (Matthew 9:37)?
- 2C. Is prayer for harvest workers one of your top priorities in life (Matthew 9:38)? Why or why not?
- 2D. What does 2 Peter 3:9 tell you about your purpose in this life?
- 3A. What is significant about Jesus giving his disciples the same power that he had (Matthew 10:1-5)?
- 3B. What are the implications of the message "The kingdom of heaven is near" (Matthew 10:7) for us today?
- 3C. In what ways can followers of Jesus demonstrate God's power today (Matthew 10:8)? See also Luke 10:1-9?
- 3D. What are you going to do in the future to be a more effective harvest worker for Jesus?