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The Harvest.

Matt.9:36-38, "Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. The He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Two realities confront the Christian in these verses :

1). "The harvest is plentiful." The work of the ministry is literally overwhelming. The numbers of people who do not know the Shepherd are immense.

2). "The workers are few." The contrasting picture is that the numbers of people who are working in the harvest are miniscule. And the task looks hopeless.

Jesus contrasted "plentiful" with "few" or "hardly any".

The solution to these stark realities :

1). Prayer. The Lord of the harvest is our God. Seek Him in prayer. Make the specific request that He send out workers into the harvest.

2). Cultivate in your heart the compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ for the lost.

Every Christian is called to be a worker in the harvest. You may not be called to be a full-time minister of the gospel. But you are called to be a worker in the harvest. Are you cultivating in your heart the

compassion of Christ for the lost? As you work in the harvest, are you praying that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into the harvest?