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*37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

## **I Ministry of Jesus (vs. 35)**

- A. Going out - Incarnation
- B. Teaching (synagogue) - Instruction
- C. Proclaiming (preaching) - Inspiration
- D. Healing (ministering) - Empowering

## **II. Motivations of Jesus (vs. 36)**

- A. Awareness of the people (seeing needs)
- B. Compassion for the people
  - 1. splagchnizomai = deeply moved
  - 2. Third level emotion
- C. Concerned about their soul of the people
  - 1. "Harassed"
  - 2. "Helpless"
  - 3. Vulnerable – "without a shepherd"

## **III. Mission of the Disciples (vs. 37)**

- A. "Disciples" – mathetes = to become identical to the master – thought, word, and deed
- B. Pointed them to the "plentiful harvest"
  - 1. Harvesting is seasonal
  - 2. Requires a team
  - 3. Time of great joy and feasting
- C. The Problem: "the workers are few" (Luke 10:2)

## **IV. Method of Reaching the World (vs. 38)**

- A. God is the "Lord of the Harvest" (I Cor. 3:5-9)
- B. This harvest is for HIM! "His field"
- C. "Therefore Ask" = deomai = to plead one's case with God (Acts 2)
- D. That He would send (ekballo) out the laborers to the ripe field at the right time.