



The Lesson of the Harvest, the Helpless, and You

Matthew 9:35-38

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Big Idea – God is Calling Every Day People to become Every Day Prayer Warriors

Three Lessons Taught by Jesus

Lesson #1 – The Mission: Always Be Compelled to Share the Good News Near and Far

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Lesson #2 – The Motive: Always Maintain a Conviction of Compassion for the Lost in Your Life

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Lesson #3 – The Method: Never Stop Praying for the Wounded, the Weary, and the Witness

Matthew 9:37b-38 – ^{37b}but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Memory Verse

Matthew 9:38 – Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Going Deeper

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take

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the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the "**Sermon Study Guide**" found at the Welcome Center.