

## **Lesson 3 (6/14): Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23] — Sent Out: The Mission of the Twelve**

### **Scripture Focus**

Jesus sees the needs of the people with compassion and invites His followers to join in meaningful, sometimes uncomfortable service.

### **Read the verse aloud**

**Memorable quotes/notes:**

### **Historical / Linguistic Context**

- “Harassed and helpless” reflects people lacking spiritual and practical guidance.
- The “harvest” image suggests opportunity, but also labor.
- Jesus sends regular people, not elites.
- “Freely you have received; freely give” emphasizes gratitude-driven generosity rather than guilt.
- Mission involves trust (God’s guidance, timing, provisions, and power).

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why do people often assume ministry is for “someone else” with more time, money, or skill?
2. How can someone with limited resources still live generously?
3. What keeps people from engaging when they see real needs around them?
4. How can compassion move us from reluctance to thoughtful action without creating resentment?

### **CLOSING PRAYER**