

JESUS' COMPASSION
Matthew 9:35–38

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- Have you ever encountered sheep up close, perhaps on a farm or at a petting zoo? If so, what did you find them to be like?
- *Read Matthew 9:35–38.* How much time do you imagine Jesus invests in what Matthew summarizes here? What does that reveal about the priorities and focus of Jesus' life and ministry?
- How does Matthew describe the crowds (v. 36)? How does Jesus view them? What do you imagine Jesus to be feeling and thinking in response?
- Where today would Jesus see people similarly? How can we be sure we also see them rather than overlook them?
- What specifically does Jesus do as he travels from place to place? How is each action an extension of compassion?
- To what is Jesus referring with the metaphorical image of the harvest and the workers (v. 37–38)? What does he instruct his disciples to do in response to the need he describes? How can you do the same this week?
- In what different ways can our church begin or continue to have Christlike compassion for those who are harassed and helpless? How can you and/or your small group support and pray this month for these works of compassion?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.