



July 12 – CJ Norton

Matthew 9:35-38

35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; **38** therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

The Heart of the Harvest

Christ compassionately cares for humanity in their desperate condition and labors to gather them to Himself. What drives Jesus in this ministry/mission:

- (1) Jesus’ Eyes See Within Us
- (2) Jesus’ Heart Stirs for Us
- (3) Jesus’ Hands Strive to Gather Us

Sermon Questions:

- Why is the heart of Jesus’ mission important to understand in addition to the “how” and “what” of his mission?
- What deep needs have you seen in the people around you? (Friends, family neighborhood, workplace, school, etc.). How do we stay attuned to the spiritual condition of those living around us?
- What answers do you see from the “World” for people’s deepest needs?
- What are barriers to feeling compassion when you see others’ needs?
- What are some of the “costs” you might incur when moving toward someone in need?
- How does Christ’s presence and love empower and encourage you to join in his mission?



July 5th – Rev Hugh Barlett

Matthew 28:18–20 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Christ redemptively renews the earth

Inviting others to follow Christ

Connecting others to Him & His people

Calling others to a new life

Co-working with God

Genesis 1:26–27 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Daniel 7:13–14 ¹³“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Why does Christianity as a faith evangelize or seek to convert people to believe in Christ? Is that rude or arrogant? Verse 18 gives us the rationale.

How does verse 19’s command to “make disciples” mean more than getting people to “make decisions” for Christ?

How has the church reached the nations? Notice how the church has gone from 11 apostles in acts to the church today!

Baptism reveals God’s covenantal relationship and redemptive cleansing. How does this baptismal name define our identity? Compared to other things that might define us?

How does verse 20 challenge us to live our entire life in accordance with Christ’s teaching?



How is Christ's presence both empowering and encouraging in our mission responsibilities and opportunities?

