**Open Your Eyes And See …**

Matthew 9:27-38

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**Introduction**

 If U watched Antiques Roadshow on PBS U probably saw what somebody saw as junk

 appraised as a valuable item

Woman bought painting at a thrift store $5, later ID’d as a Jackson Pollock worth $M

Amateur gold digger in Australia found `11.5pound nugget he thot was scrap mtl

2018 woman learned etching pulled out of Yale dumpster by father 17 yrs ago worth $15K

 Couple driving in SanAntonio saw violin in a pile of trash, thot use spare for parts, $50K

 The trained eye can see what the untrained eye does not see

 What do U see when U see people?

 Business person may see potential customers, sales, buyers, opportunity

 Politician might see potential votes

 Climate scientist sees people leaving a carbon footprint

 Entrepreneur sees potential investors

 Funeral home director may see everyone need a funeral some day

 What should a Christian see when he sees people???

 Should we see people in our way

 Should we see people who are going to take my seat in the church

 Should we see, well I just have to get through this day

 What should Christians seeking to revitalize their church see when they see people?

 Today look at Matthew 9:27-38 Open your eyes and see…

**I. When U Open Your Eyes You See People Who Need To Learn 27-35**

 A. Messianic authentication 27-34

 All previous miracles authenticate Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ to His people

 John the Baptist statements and ministry Mt 3:1-15

 Healing of leper Mt8:1-4

 Healing of Centurion’s servant 8:5-13

 Healing of Peter’s mother-in-law 8:14-15

 Healing of many 8:16-17

 Commanding of the wind and the sea 8:23-27

 Exorcising Legion of demons from 2 men 8:28-34

 Healing of paralytic 9:1-8

 Raising rulers’ daughter from death to life and bleeding woman 9:18-26

Two additional miracles 27-34

 All miracles so far in Matthew have parallel accounts in Mark and Luke

 Two additional miracles without parallel accounts

 Healing of two blind men 9:27-31

 Healing of mute and demon possessed man 9:32-33

 NOTE response of the Pharisees in v34 – He casts out demons by the ruler of …cf12:24

 B. Summary of Jesus ministry to people in all cities

 Teaching in their synagogues

 Seen Jesus teaching in the Sermon on the Mount

 Teaching – systematic imparting of knowledge, understanding of God

 Precept upon precept, line upon line Is 28:10,13

 Synagogues – formed during Babylonian exile to keep worship of Lord

 Preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God

 Preaching includes the notion of persuasion, call to action, public mssg

 The gospel of the kingdom of God – life under God’s rule

 Healing every sickness and every disease among the people

 Lesson – Big part of church ministry is teaching and preaching the word of God

 Paul says to Timothy 2Ti4:2 preach the word,

Teaching AC2:12 5:25 13:12 15:35 18:11 Co1:28 3:16

 HowardHendricks used 2tell us, don’t be afraid to repeat, spiritual truth takes time

 Big part of teaching and preaching the Bible is open your eyes to Bible and what

God is trying to say to you, I don’t assume you know

**II. When You Open Your Eyes You Should Be Moved With Compassion For People 36**

 A. Jesus saw the multitudes

 American Ninja Warrior cohost is Akbar … he always says ‘I see you’

 He recognizes them as a person, with skill, credits them

 Jesus’ eyes are open and He sees the multitude

 Human beings created in the image of God with fallen sinful nature

 B. moved with compassion

 One word in Greek σπλαγχνιζω, splagchnizo

 Talking about inner organs of the body, originally – heart contracted convulsively

 Lk7:13 what Jesus felt when he saw the widow who had lost her only son

 Strongest feeling of mercy Mt18:27, deep compassion, J11:33,35, Hb4:15

 C. like sheep without a shepherd

 Like sheep -figure of speech, people are like sheep, lost Is53:6

 Shepherd looks over, guides, Jesus is the good shepherd Ps23J 10:11,14

 Weary scatteredAimless, vulnerable, not loved/watched after/over, Ezk346,10,12

 Lesson – Open your eyes and see the world. People are busy, doing this and that

 What happens to their souls? Who cares? Who is moved? Believers should be

 See people as sheep without a shepherd. Insides turned up over souls of ppl.

 When you see a crowd of people, when you see one person, move w compassion

 You care and your caring moves you to action

**III. When You Open Your Eyes You Should See Work and Pray For Laborers 37-38**

 A. Open eyes see the harvest is plentiful i.e. lots of work 37a

 Jesus *sees* people as the field that needs to be harvested

 NOW JS brings this to the attention of His disciples, open your eyes and see

 In J4:35 lift up your eyes and see the fields are already white for harvest

 These are people coming toward Jesus

 Lots of people, lots of souls, lots of work

 Lots of people who need to be saved

 B. Open eyes see there are few laborers for the harvest i.e. 2few people for the work 37b

 Few workers, laborers.

 Road construction crew, 10 standing around 1 working

 Not talking about doing the work, but actually doing the work – laborers

 Big job can get done with 1 worker maybe, end up discouraged, exhausted…

 But with 1 or more workers, the job suddenly becomes doable

 The mission of the church is to make disciples of all nations

 Disciples are workers, laborerss

 Sunday School Teachers, deacons, trustees, evangelists, prayers, singers,

 C. Open eyes pray for laborers

 Pray to God for laborers, common prayer item at prayer meeting, 1st step revital.

 Lesson – we live busy lives, everybody has enough to do, things like to do, have to do

 But when all is done what of all that you do will last, what has eternal value?

 Do you see the field as plentiful, if not open your eyes to what Jesus says here

 Are you laboring in the field, some say: That’s the Pastors job, is it his only??

 Lot of small churches, people think this way.

 Are you praying

 IF not who is?

 People wonder why churches die, why not revitalize?

 Because People of the church do not do the work of the church,

 Let others do it until they die and then the church closes

 Jesus says see, open your eyes and see, pray for laborers, be a laborer