

Never Forget the 1 PART 1

Matthew 9:35-38

MAIN TAKEAWAY

We are all ministers, and our first calling on our lives is the **ministry of reconciliation**. We are all called to reconcile people to Jesus, to be a witness and our share our story.

KEY SCRIPTURES & TAKEAWAYS

1. **Matthew 9:35-38 KJV** And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.³⁶ But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.³⁷ Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;³⁸ Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.
 - a. Jesus was **preaching, teaching,** and **healing** every sickness.
 - b. Compassion is different than sympathy and empathy, it is love that leads to action.
 - c. Sheep likens to humanity in the Bible and the shepherd likens to Jesus. We all need a Shepherd. Without one, we go astray, get lost, confused, scattered. Without a Shepherd we start drifting and are weak.
 - d. When Jesus talks about the harvest, he lets us know that there are people needing to hear about Jesus, but the problem is a lack of laborers to share our story to them.
2. **Isaiah 53:6 KJV** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
 - a. The sheep have gone astray because they didn't have a hepherd. We all need a leader to go before us and guide us.
3. **Luke 15:1-4 KJV** Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.² And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.³ And he spake this parable unto them, saying,⁴ What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

- a. The people were **attracted** to Jesus, He did not become like the world, the sinners or the lost, but they noticed there was something different about Him.
- b. Jesus was teaching on not giving up on the lost, but going after them until we find them.

Jesus is:

- The **good** Shepherd (John 10:11 KJV)
- The **chief** Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4 KJV)
- The **great** Shepherd (Hebrews 13:20 KJV)

REFLECT & REVISIT

Go back and read **Matthew 9:35-38**, reflect on how Jesus was **moved with compassion** because the people were “like sheep without a shepherd.” Ask yourself: Am I moved when I see hurting people? Do I see them the way Jesus sees them? This week take one intentional step by **inviting someone to church, sharing your story** of who you were before Christ, how you met Him, and how He changed your life. Be a witness to someone, don’t give up on your loved ones and friends, the same way that Jesus never forgets the 1.