

# WHO'S NEXT

## Eyes for the Harvest

Matthew 9:35-38

We will tell *the next generation* the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done... Then they would *put their trust in God* and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. (Psalm 78:4-7, NIV)

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:35-38, NIV)

It takes a **Heart** for Who's Next.

It takes **Eyes** for Who's Next.

"When he *saw*..." (Matthew 9:36, NIV)

### They Are So **Many!**

When he saw the *crowds*, he had compassion on them... (Matthew 9:36, NIV)

He said to his disciples, "The harvest is *plentiful*..." (Matthew 9:37, NIV)

#### Why Don't We See them?

Our Busyness

Our Troubles

Our Pains

People **matter** to Jesus and they had better **matter** to us.

### They Are So **Hurting!**

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were *harassed* and *helpless*... (Matthew 9:36, NIV)

"**Harassed**" - They are in trouble, but they don't know why.

"**Helpless**" - They are in trouble, but they don't know what.

Broken hearts **break** the heart of Jesus and they ought to **break** our hearts.

### They Are So **Lost!**

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like *sheep without a shepherd*. (Matthew 9:36, NIV)

"I am the *good shepherd*. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11, NIV)

Lost people capture the **attention** of Jesus, and they ought to capture our **attention**.

"Who's Next" is determined by those who become **aware**.