



SHEEP NEEDING A SHEPHERD

Matthew 9:35–38

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.

MATTHEW 9:35

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

MATTHEW 9:36

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 9:37–38

- **FOUR REALITIES**

What does Jesus see?

01

THE STATE OF HUMANITY

Sheep without a shepherd

- **SCRIPTURE**

...they were harassed and helpless,
like sheep without a shepherd.

MATTHEW 9:36

- **THE WORDS BEHIND THE WORDS**

HARASSED

to flay · to cut · to lacerate

HELPLESS

thrown down · scattered

- POINT 1

**Life away from the Shepherd
knows no peace.**

02

THE SENTIMENT OF JESUS

Compassion

- **COMPASSION**

SPLANCHNIZOMAI

from the word for gut

“HIS INSIDES TURNED OVER”

and it always ends in action

- POINT 2

**What do you feel when you look
at Madison?**

- POINT 2

We feel compassion for the masses because we were them.

03

THE SITUATION BEFORE US

The harvest is ready

The harvest is plentiful but the
workers are few.

MATTHEW 9:37

With man this is impossible, but with
God all things are possible.

MATTHEW 19:26

- **POINT 3**

**Not the look of the wheat.
The knowledge of the harvester.**

04

THE SOLUTION REQUIRED

Ask the Lord of the harvest

- **SCRIPTURE**

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into his harvest
field.

MATTHEW 9:38

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

MATTHEW 10:1

*“Our master never made too much of men,
but he made a very great deal of men
anoointed of the Spirit and sent to preach.”*

CHARLES SPURGEON

So what do we do?

- TWO THINGS

- 1 **Pray for laborers.**

Pray that God would raise up workers and send them into Madison.

Then pray he would make you one of them.

- TWO THINGS

- 2 **Pray for Alpha.**

If we do not pray, it will not matter how well-run Alpha is.

Prayer is the engine.

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A series of dinner parties.

LAUNCH NIGHT

Thursday, September 17

WHERE

Vintage Brewing Co. on Whitney Way

THE DEAL

Dinner and drinks on us

- **PRAY WITH US**

Two prayer nights.



Prayer Guide

TONIGHT

7:30 pm · Prayer Room

NEXT SUNDAY (9/13)

7:30 pm · Prayer Room

PRAYER LIST

Scan the QR code on your seat

- LET'S PRAY

**“Lord of the harvest,
send out workers.”**