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## Jesus on Mission: Matthew 9:35-38

Read Matthew 9:35-38. Pray that God's Spirit would help you to understand and apply the passage to your own lives.

- 1) Over the coming few weeks we will be exploring being a family on **mission**; particularly focusing on evangelism. How do you feel about helping people to find out about Jesus? What makes you feel nervous? What makes you feel excited? How have you found trying to speak to people about Jesus in the past?
- 2) This short passage helps to think about our motivation for being on mission as we see what motivates Jesus. What does Jesus see as crowds flock to him? Why does he describe people as like sheep without a shepherd; harassed and helpless?
- 3) What does Jesus feel towards the crowds? Why does he feel this way?
- 4) How might we begin to see and feel towards people move like Jesus does?



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5) Jesus finishes by calling his disciples and us to pray. The Victorian Bishop J C Ryle once wrote, 'never never may we forget that if we would do good to the world our first duty is to pray.' Jesus says pray for workers to go into the harvest field. Will you pray for:

- a. More workers to lead churches (there are an alarming number of vacancies in Norwich Diocese)?
- b. More workers to go the harvest field overseas (do pray for our mission partners Matt & Sarah Gurtler)?
- c. Yourself? We're going to talk often about praying for **2 for 2**: praying for 2 people you know for 2 minutes each day to come to faith in Jesus. Will you commit to doing this? Who might you pray for? When might you build a habit of praying for them for 2 minutes - while brushing your teeth, waiting for the kettle to boil, in the shower.....?