

Matthew 9:35-38

CAMP: Disciples are Teachable – series – Distinctives of True Disciples

They Attend

They Observe

They Listen

The King's Authority Over Ministry

- I. His Model
- II. His Motivation
- III. His Method

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**Prop:** 3 key components to ministry pleasing to God

**INTRO:** ministry models today: emergent (be authentic), church growth (be slick), deeper life (be meditative), emotional (be exciting), nothing, liturgical (be traditional), New Reformed (be traditional, slick, exciting & a little meditative)

CK Chesterton – there are 2 ways of getting home; and 1 of them is to stay there

9:35-38 – Jesus' model of ministry

Matt 4:23-25 – intro, nearly same, summary statement

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- I. His Model – v. 35
  - A. The opportunity
    - i. Went
    - ii. Cities & villages
    - iii. synagogues
  - B. The activities
    - i. Teaching
    - ii. Preaching
    - iii. Healing
1. **Disciples Attend** – first way you show teachability
  - Be around
  - Be where ministry is happening
  - Be available
  - Acts 2 they were together

APP: are you creating opportunities and engaging in His activities?

**Matt 28:19-20** (no healing) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

## II. His Motivation – v. 36

- A. Presenting problems
  - i. harassed
  - ii. helpless
  - iii. leaderless
- B. Personal perspective
  - i. He noticed the crowd
  - ii. He cared about condition (14:13-14; 15:29-32)
  - iii. He knew actual needs

APP: do you have compassion?

**Col 3:12**; Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience

If you struggle with compassion – study who you were without Christ

Realize who you are/were: **Ezek 18:1-4**;

**2 Ki 21:15**; And I will forsake the remnant of my heritage and give them into the hand of their enemies, and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies, 15 because they have done what is evil in my sight and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came out of Egypt, even to this day.”

**Rom 2:1-11**

Engage people – **2 Co 5:20-21** therefore we are ambassadors for Christ...

**Gal 6:1** Brothers,[a] if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

## 2. Disciples observe (1. Attend)

- Notice the need
- Watch what the discipler does and listen to explanation
- Become concerned for the lost

## III. His Method – v. 37-38

- A. Speak to others
  - i. Engage disciples
  - ii. Cast vision
  - iii. Call for action
- B. Pray for workers
  - i. God knows the need
  - ii. God moves the individual

iii. God reaps His harvest

APP: Are you praying & engaging others?

Heb 10:23-5;

Eph 6:18 With all prayer and petition [b]pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, [c]be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

### 3. Disciples listen & respond (attend, observe)

- Acts 2:42

APP: Many models of ministry today.

Are you willing to be a part of God's model?

Do you show the character of a disciple?

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Are you Teachable

By attending

By observing

By listening

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Do you see that Jesus is the King who not only spoke of the kingdom, but died so you could be a part?

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

**1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.**

**4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,**

With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

5. Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise over sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.