

Transforming Daily
“ . . .into His harvest . . . ”
Matthew 9:38

This statement is given by Jesus to His disciples. Jesus has been ministering throughout the cities and all over the countryside. When He sees the multitudes (a word that means “awholelotofpeople”), as usual, He is moved with compassion for them. Many thoughts arise, but the Lord Jesus shares two with His disciples.

The first thought that the Lord Jesus shares with His disciples is that there are many people who are lost and groping in darkness. His description of them is that the harvest is truly plentiful. They need to hear the gospel. They need to find the Way. The second thought that the Lord Jesus expresses is that, while the harvest is truly plentiful, the laborers are few. What was His solution? He told His disciples to pray the Lord of the harvest send out laborers *into* His harvest.

Here are several observations. If the harvest was “truly plentiful” back 2,000 years ago, what do you think the harvest is like now? If our Lord and Savior was that compassionate back then, do you think His compassion has diminished in any way for the multitudes upon multitudes lost and groping in darkness today? If our Lord Jesus was talking to the disciples back then, do you think His instructions still apply to His disciples today?

Notice that our Savior, Jesus Christ, does not say, “Pray the Lord of the harvest send laborers into the church.” He says two things: pray, this is the first order of business, and secondly, He says that the disciples’ are to pray that the laborers be sent into the harvest. Through the years, in an effort to spur on church growth (not necessarily kingdom growth), some church leaders have missed the emphasis of this command being on the harvest not the church.

The point here is that all believers everywhere should pray that God would send witnesses into a lost and dying world to share the gospel; and in response to their prayers, know that they are, in part, the answer to prayer as they go into the harvest themselves. Are you a soul harvester? Do you pray that God would send laborers into the harvest of souls? Do you see yourself as a part of the answer to the prayers of all disciples everywhere asking the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest?