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Mt. 9:37-38, “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.”

Herein lies the paradox of the modern church. There is a harvest that needs to be taken in, but there is a shortage of those willing to go out into the field to work. We live in a society that is focused on “self” rather than “others.”

This is not anything new. It’s as old as mankind. Typically, our first thought is to take care of number one. We tend to look for the easy path and the way of pleasure rather than labor. So many churches believe they can just hire enough pastors to do the work. If you look at the qualifications for pastor in scripture, they are to pray and teach God’s word. Many churches only reach the people that a few have led to the Lord and are teaching them.

What is the solution? Jesus gives His disciples the answer in this passage: **“Ask the LORD of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.”(Mt. 9:38)** This means that we are to call out to God because we know that this is not a physical endeavor, but a spiritual one. It is the Spirit of God that convicts and draws people. We are just the messengers. We must be willing to go on the behalf of our Father. We must call on Him to send us into His harvest field. Since the harvest is plentiful, we must be willing to go; to tell; to love; to give; to meet needs; to pray; to encourage. I believe our time is growing shorter every day. We cannot keep silent any longer. How can we say we love God, but not tell anyone about Him; about His Son Jesus and what He has done to forgive us?

Dear LORD, we are asking You today, because You are Lord of the harvest, to send us out into the harvest field. There are so many people waiting to hear that they are loved and that You are offering them forgiveness for sin and eternity in Heaven. Help us to desire what You want rather than what we want. In Jesus Name, Amen