

**Series: What Did Jesus Do**  
**Message: Laborers for the Harvest**  
**Text: Matthew 9:35-38 (AM 3/11/07)**

In today's text we're reminded of the comprehensive nature of Jesus' ministry and the depth of His compassion for the souls of man. Those that discover His Love and enjoy His Grace are compelled by His example to share this good news with others.

**I. The Compassion of our Christ. (35-36a)**

*The heart of God is for the hearts of men.*

- His search – *He went about all the cities*
- His scope – *teaching...preaching...and healing*
- His sorrow – *he was moved with compassion.*

**II. The Confusion of our Culture. (36b)**

*There is satisfaction in no other shepherd..*

- They are suffering – *they were weary*
- They are scattered – *scattered like sheep*
- They are shepherd-less – *like sheep with no shepherd.*

**III. The Call of the Church. (37-38)**

*We exist to live for His glory and to tell His story.*

- Father give us eyes to see – *the harvest truly is plentiful*
- Father give us hearts to sorrow – *but the laborer's are few*
- Father give us knees to seek – *pray the Lord of the harvest*
- Father give us feet to search – *send out laborers...*

**Application to life:** Jesus is clearly calling His Church to touch our world for Him. Every member of the Body is called to be a laborer in His harvest. Today you have an opportunity to be equipped to *comfortably* and *naturally* share your faith. Won't you make a commitment to the TOUCH Journey this morning?