

**The Harvest Summons Us
(Mt. 9:35-38)**

P _____ statement of Jesus fleshed out (Lk. 19:10; v. 35)

- Jesus is fully occupied with His purpose on earth
- He refused to be distracted:
 - Some wanted him to be a political king
 - Some wanted him to be a miracle worker
 - Some wanted him to be a problem solver
- Jesus wastes no time in going about His mission on earth (Mt. 8:20; Jn. 10:10b)

P _____ of the heart of Jesus revealed (v. 36)

- His heart of compassion for people
- When we show love, care and compassion towards people these people begin to open up
- This reflects the posture of the heart of God too (Jn. 3:17; 2 Pet. 3:9)

P _____ of the harvest portrayed (v. 37a)

- *"The harvest is plentiful..."*
- Jesus says the harvest is ripe too (Jn. 4:35)
- State of Christianity in the world in the last 30 years
- Why are we sometimes not burdened about the harvest?
 - Comfort/complacency has set in
 - Consumed with our own needs
 - Division within the body of Christ
 - No emphasis on outreach and evangelism

P _____ for the harvest highlighted (v. 37)

- Everyone should be a worker for the Kingdom
- Paul models it best for us (Acts 18:1-4)
- "Our heart is restless until it finds its rest in You." (St. Augustine)

P _____ to the Lord of the harvest emphasised (v. 38; Lk. 18:1)

- Do not underestimate the power of prayer
- Evan Roberts (1878-1951) in the Welsh Revival in 1904-1906
 - It has been estimated that 100,000-150,000 came to faith in Christ
 - Many pubs were closed or their business drastically affected
 - Crime rates fell almost to zero
 - Donkeys in the coal mines couldn't understand their masters' language
 - On Sundays, instead of football people were marching to church
- Dr John Sung (1901-1944), the evangelist from Putien, China
 - Tremendous confession and repentance of sins in his meetings
 - Amazing healings and deliverance took place
 - Tens of thousands accepted the Lord or were revived in their faith
 - Many preaching bands were established and these went about to share the Good News in their district
 - Many local preaching teams and prayer networks were formed and these help to sustain the churches
- Personally pray but also gather together to pray
- Jesus' clear instruction on prayer (Lk. 18:1)

The challenge:

- By the grace of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit, I would like to lead ___ person(s) to faith in Christ in the next 12 months and see that person(s) being discipled in the fellowship of believers.
(Make this an annual goal)