

## SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** January 8, 2017

**Title:** Preparing for Spiritual Harvest

**Text:** Matthew 9:35-38

**Big Idea:** We can and should expect fruitful gospel ministry in 2017, but it can't be taken for granted. We must do our part.

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Three ways we can prepare for the spiritual harvest God promises to provide.

1. Follow the Lord's Example of Proclamation and Service

2. Adopt the Lord's Attitude of Compassion and Care

3. Obey the Lord's Command to Petition through Prayer

**REVIEW THE TEXT**

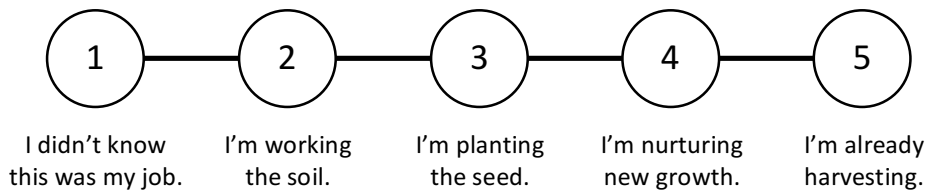
Read Matthew 9:35-38 and review the context before and after this passage.

What does Jesus spend most of his time doing in chapters 8-9, and what does it reveal about his identity and character? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What does Jesus do with his disciples in chapter 10, and how might this fuel the way we should view the mission of the church today? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ASSESS YOUR LIFE**

How would you describe your preparedness for reaping a spiritual harvest in the next year?



There are many reason we are not as prepared for the harvest God wants in our life? Sometimes it's because of fear, doubt, lack of faith, or even spiritual laziness. As you seek the Lord in this moment, what is it for you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**APPLY THE TRUTH**

How can you partner with God to be more prepared for a great spiritual harvest in 2017? Be action-oriented and specific.

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**COMMIT THIS WEEK**

Commit to praying for the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest. Commit to asking God to send you into the fields of his of his choosing. What fields might be open to you right now?

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