



“Don’t Waste Your Life”

Matthew 9:35-38

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➔ **Introduction...** Not many people have a clear and resounding interest in the possibility of becoming a part of world missions. Our lives can be so complicated, full, crazy, or self-absorbed that missions is the last thing on our minds. Hopefully this study will leave us with a growing passion for the reputation of Jesus and for the souls of people perishing without His forgiveness and salvation.

➔ **Open it...**

1. If you could take an all-expense paid vacation to any one place in the world, where would you like to go and why?
2. Since we usually have to pay our own way, what is your favorite vacation spot? Perhaps a place you return to regularly.

➔ **Explore it... Read Matt 9:35-38.**

1. Pastor Steve called Jesus the greatest missionary. From verse 35, describe four things that Jesus did as a missionary.
2. As you think about modern missionaries, how are Jesus’ activities the same or different?
3. Read Acts 1:8. This verse contains a phrase, “you will be my witnesses.” The Greek for “will be” doesn’t imply an option but a statement of fact. If a person never speaks of what he knows, what kind of witness has he become?
4. Describe your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and ends of the earth.
5. Read John 4:34-38 and Matt 9:37-38. How would you describe the harvest in your 4 areas of the world? How do you think Jesus sees it today?

6. The following verses contain the Gospel in a nutshell. Discuss each and why it is an important part of the Gospel. What words of explanation would you add if you shared these verses with a person without Christ?
 - a) Romans 3:23

 - b) Romans 5:6-8

 - c) Romans 10:9-10

 - d) Romans 10:11-13

7. What are some of the things in Matt 9:36, 14:14, 15:32 and 20:32-34 that caused Jesus to have compassion? What things cause you to have compassion?

8. Why is it critical that most Christians fulfill their lives in secular jobs?

➔ **Apply it...** As you think back on this lesson – answer these questions personally with I, me and my...

1. Read 1 Peter 3:13-16. Would you be able to share the Gospel with someone if you had the opportunity? If not, what can you do to change that?

2. How is God asking you to become part of the Great Commission?
 - a) Is God closing in on you – does He want you to go – whether for a short or long term? How can you pursue that call?

 - b) Does God have you between careers for a reason? How can you determine if this is a call to missions?

 - c) How are you being a witness in your own Jerusalem? What is stopping you from getting involved as Jesus did?

 - d) How can you use the resources God has given you to help others go?

➔ **Pray it...** Ask God how to pray for missions. Ask Him to show you how He wants you to be involved through your prayers, through going or through giving.