

# I AM HOPE

How to \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ Thru Your Life  
Matthew 9:35-38; Selected Scriptures

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1. You need to realize your mission is to \_\_\_\_\_  
the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 9:35 (ESV)** - And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

**Luke 19:10 (NLT)** - For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.

**Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)** – Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

**Acts 1:8 (ESV)** – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**John 20:21 (NLT)** – Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

A. You must \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel

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**Matthew 9:35a (ESV)** - And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom . . .

**Teaching** – διδάσκω; **Transliteration:** didaskō.

**Proclaiming (preaching – AV)** – κηρύσσω; **Transliteration:** kēryssō.

**Gospel** – εὐαγγέλιον; **Transliteration:** euangelion.

B. You must \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel

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**Matthew 9:35b (ESV)** - . . . and healing every disease and every affliction.

**Healing** – θεραπεύω; **Transliteration:** therapeuō.

**Matthew 22:9 (NLT)** - Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.’

**Acts 10:38 (NLT)** - And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

2. You must \_\_\_\_\_ to hurting and  
hopeless people with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 9:36 (ESV)** - When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

**Saw** – εἶδω; **Transliteration:** eidō.

**Compassion** – σπλαγχνίζομαι; **Transliteration:** splanchnizomai.

**Harassed** – σκύλλω; **Transliteration:** skyllo.

**Helpless** – ῥίπτω; **Transliteration:** rhiptō.

**Ezekiel 34:1-10 (ESV)** - The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel;

prophecy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? <sup>3</sup> You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep. <sup>4</sup> The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. <sup>5</sup> So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. <sup>6</sup> My sheep were scattered; they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them. <sup>7</sup> “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup> As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, <sup>9</sup> therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>10</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

**Matthew 11:28-29 (NLT)** - Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**3. You need to recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities you have to \_\_\_\_\_ touch people’s lives with the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Matthew 9:37-38 (ESV)** - Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray

earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ for God to \_\_\_\_\_ workers into the harvest.**

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**Pray – δέομαι; Transliteration: deomai.**

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ the answer to your prayer by becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ in the harvest.**

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**John 4:35-36 (NLT)** - You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup> The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!

**John 9:4 (NLT)** - We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work.

**Ephesians 5:16 (NLT)** - Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

**Galatians 6:9 (NLT)** - So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up.

### **Questions to Consider**

1. In what situations do you tend to feel compassion?
2. What do you pray about on a regular basis?
3. For what non-Christians do you feel compassion?
4. How would you describe the spiritual and moral state of the majority of the people in our city?
5. What are some different ways you can share the Gospel with other people?
6. What can you do to practically help people in need come to know Jesus?
7. What's the relationship between compassion towards hurting and helpless people and meeting their spiritual and physical needs?
8. Why are there not more laborers?
9. What is the relationship between you praying about something and you participating in helping make your prayer become a reality?
10. What are three things you can do to become a more active laborer in the kingdom work?