

# GROWTH GUIDE

*For you. Your family. Your group.*

SENT TO THE HARVEST | MATTHEW 9:35-38  
FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2023

## SERMON OUTLINE

1. The Good News of the Kingdom (v35)
2. The Needs of the World Around Us (v36)
3. The Need for a Savior (v37-38)

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, what was something that you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or you have questions about?
2. Check for understanding: How does prayer push us toward compassion?
3. Besides prayer, what are some practical ways to grow in feeling compassion and burdened for our community? How can we demonstrate compassion for our community?
4. What are some of the not-so-great things you have prayed (or that other people prayed, certainly never you) for that, looking back, maybe wouldn't recommend or wouldn't again? Where is the line between being honest with the Lord about your desires and selfishness? What should we and shouldn't we be praying for?
5. According to that survey Dr. Stetzer shared, 3/4 of Protestants agree we should, and are at least somewhat comfortable with sharing their faith, but hardly anyone has in the last month. Why do you think there's such a disconnect between those who should or can, and the actual amount of sharing that takes place? What can we do to not be like that?

## BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. How comfortable are you with sharing your faith? When was the last time you shared your faith or invited someone to church? Who is that one person you'll commit to praying for to come to Christ?
2. As you think about your prayer life, what's something you should pray for more or something you should pray for less?

## PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray for compassion for the harassed and helpless people, the sheep without a shepherd in our community.
2. Pray that the kingdom of God would come here in Madison.
3. Ask God to continue to bless our church.