



Conviction: The Compassionate Commission

Matthew 9:35-38

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Big Idea – Make the Knowledge of Your Calling the Conviction of Your Action

Three Lessons Taught by Jesus

Lesson #1 – The Paragon: Follow the Right Example and Proclaim the Right Message for the Right Time

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Lesson #2 – The Purpose: Be Moved by Compassion to Reach the Wounded, Weary, and Wayward

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Lesson #3 – The Practice: Prevail in Prayer and Persistently Encourage One Another

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Memory Verse

Matthew 9:38 - Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Challenge:

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your family or small group or (2) Participating in a Sunday School class.