

Through His Eyes

Introduction (Text: Matthew 9:35-10:1)

- A. **I often wish others could see things through my eyes, but I don't do too well at seeing through the eyes of others.** Certainly, as a counselor, it would be helpful if I could see things better through their eyes. If I could understand what they were feeling and what factors caused them to see that way.
- B. We would all treat each other better if we could understand what they were feeling and why. **The truth is, however, that what we really need to do is to see things through the eyes of Christ. This could make all the difference.**

#1: He Saw Needs (v. 35)

- A. **He saw their needs and how He could meet them; we see our needs and how they can be met. (Unselfish vs. Selfish)**
- B. **We are cool toward evangelism and weak toward missions because we don't see the need.**
 - 1. **We aren't out where the needs are (He was).**
 - 2. **We often aren't looking.**
 - 3. **We need to realize that no matter where we are, there are opportunities as it was with Jesus. (on the job, at school, even in our leisure time. with our neighbors, there are hurting people).**
- C. We likely miss many opportunities to minister/evangelize because we are not out there looking for them.

#2: He Saw Reality (v. 36)

- A. **He saw people for what they were**
 - 4. **"Harassed"** - Swamped with struggles, left weak
 - 5. **"Helpless"** - thrown down
 - 6. **"Like sheep without a shepherd"** - without care, oversight, leadership (those that should have helped were adding to the problems)
- B. **We see people for what they appear to be: satisfied, smug, successful, secure, etc., but all too often, this is only a facade.**
- C. **People are no different today than they were then:**
 - 1. They are still characterized by the same facts
 - 2. They are still being sold out by those who should help

#3: He Saw Potential (v. 37)

- A. **"The harvest"** - that which may be reaped, i.e., people (WBS, website, prison, care groups, devos)

B. “Is plentiful” - there is much (are many) to be harvested (this certainly doesn't seem to be so)

C. “The workers are few”

1. This expresses the limitation; the problem is lack of laborers
2. This explains the situation on the mission field, and in town, state, and country.

#4: He Saw Resources (vc. 38)

A. “Ask the Lord” - Pray—don't grow bitter, try to manipulate, etc.

B. “The Lord of the harvest” - He controls the harvest

C. “To send out workers”

D. “Workers”- here is part of the problem, there is some work involved

1. The quality is more important than the quantity
2. He knows who best can do the work

E. “Into HIS harvest” it is His harvest, not ours!

#5: He Saw Responsibility (10:1-5)

A. Note the process

3. He told the disciples to pray
4. He called them to Him
5. He sent them out to do the job

B. The principle here—the laborers come from among the disciples

C. The more we walk with Him, the more likely we are to reap in the harvest.

Conclusion

Seeing things through the eyes of Christ

Will change our view of missions;

Will change our view of evangelism

Will change our view of Christian ministry