

A 3D diorama of a mountain landscape with a lake and a waterfall, set on a map. The diorama is made of stone blocks and is placed on a map of a region. The landscape features a green mountain range, a turquoise lake, and a waterfall. The map has some faint text and lines, including the word "nor sea" on the left side. The diorama is set on a dark, circular base.

DECONSTRUCTING MISSIONS

MATTHEW 9:35-38

Deconstructing Missions: Building with Compassion and Prayer

- Recapping the Biblical Mandate
- What is His mandate for us?
 - The Great Commission - Jesus boldly and authoritatively states:
 - "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- What is the next piece?
 - Matthew 9:35-38 is going to give us two pieces in building a missional life

Matthew 9:35-38 ESV

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Example of Christ

- Jesus Displays what a missional life should look like:
 - WHAT He did
 - **Matthew 9:35 ESV**
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- In the Greek, the word “went” is written in the imperfect = ongoing process
- Is this what we do? We are far too passive in how we operate

Jesus' Example - Our Charge

- "Mission is Jesus-shaped: if it does not embody something of Jesus' life and point people in repentance and faith to him, it will fail."
- Michael Green

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- One of the most basic components of a life of mission is the “going”
 - We cannot come here and experience worship, call ourselves worshippers of Christ, and then fail to move into action

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- **WHY He did what He did**

- Why did Jesus actively pursue people?
- Why was he teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and healing people?
- What was the purpose?

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- **Compassion**
- Missions is built with compassion

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- **Compassion** - a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.
 - The Greek word for compassion is the word “splachnizomai”
 - Literally, this word means that Jesus was stirred in His gut; He was so moved that His stomach began to twist up, and it was driving Him towards action

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- **Why did He have compassion?**

- Sheep that had been mangled and then thrown to the ground
- One of the Foundations of our Cause at TSF: we are Compassion-mongers
- That we care for the marginalized and the oppressed—that we bring hope to those who have none

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- **How do we know if we have compassion for someone?**

- **Romans 9:1-3 ESV**

1 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers,[a] my kinsmen according to the flesh.

- Are you stirred in your guts for them?

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- **Seeing the people is essential...**

- When we truly see people—with all of their hurts and struggles and pain—when we see them the way that the Lord sees them, then we are heartbroken.

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- **Call to Action**

- **Matthew 9:37-38 ESV**

- God had been moving in their hearts, speaking to them for thousands of years through the prophets, through angels, through the ministry of John the Baptist, and even through what Jesus has done up until this point
- Perhaps the Lord has been moving in the hearts of those around you

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- **The next Missional Piece - PRAYER**

- **Matthew 9:38 ESV**

"...therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

- It begins with Worship
- We are moved with compassion
- And we are called to pray

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- **How are we to pray?**

- Pray **earnestly**...
- Greek - deethete
- This is to beg, plead, to cry out with every ounce of your being
- Pray earnestly **to the Lord of the Harvest**

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- **Do not forget who you are praying to...**
- **He is the Lord of the Harvest**
 - First, this whole thing is the Lord's...
 - Second, because the harvest belongs to the Lord, we can trust that His work will be accomplished

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- **What we are praying for?**
- **Matthew 9:38 ESV**
“...therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”
- The Greek word for “send out”, is the word ‘ekballo’
- This is the exact same word that is used earlier in chapters 8 and 9 when Jesus cast out the demons
- To THRUST them forth with a purpose—a purpose of laboring in the Lord’s field

- **Will we align with the Lord to see His Mission accomplished?**

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