

THIS CHANGED ME.

PART 1 Work In Progress

1. God is **PREPARING** the way

2. God **REVEALING** himself

↕ 3. **WALKING** with God

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MATTHEW 9:36

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.



Text us at **833-271-8805**. — Text **APP** to get our Church Center App.
Text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, "**Pray for...**" followed by your request.
Or just ask a question and someone will be in touch via text.



Food for Thought

Questions & Scripture for Further Study & Reflection

What is this? – Normally this section includes questions and a study for our Life Groups. If you're not in one, you should sign up in the Commons, let us know on a Connect Card (pew rack or in the app), or contact the church office! Most groups break for the holidays, but others will continue and use this for their study time together. Instead of our normal study guide, this is a smaller study and some questions for you to reflect/journal on throughout the week. Look for sign-ups for new groups in August!



In the meantime, check out a **Summer Group** this summer! They are casual groups set up around a variety of activities intended to help you form more connections and friendships across Wawasee Bible.



Learn About Each Group & Sign Up in the Church Center App!

Food for Thought...

1. **God is Preparing the Way:** In **Matthew 9:35**, Jesus goes through towns and villages, teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and healing, preparing hearts for the kingdom. How does Jesus' ministry in this passage demonstrate God preparing the way for his message? Reflect on a time in your life when you sensed God preparing the way for you to receive or share his truth. How can you be attentive to the ways God is preparing opportunities for you to engage in his work today?

2. The idea of God preparing the way is seen in Jesus' ministry to the crowds in **Matthew 9:35-38**, where he meets both spiritual and physical needs. **Read John 4:34-38 and compare it with Matthew 9:37-38.** How do these passages together illustrate God's preparation of hearts for the gospel? Reflect on how Jesus' example of meeting people where they are can guide you in preparing the way for others to encounter God.

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Welcome to **Wawasee!**

This is who all of us are growing to *become* in Christ at Wawasee Bible...



SECURE SON/DAUGHTER

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



COURAGEOUS CONNECTOR

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



READY STORYTELLER

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



LEGACY BUILDER

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: Matthew 9:35-38 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

³⁵ 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**. ³⁶ When he saw the **crowds**, he had **compassion** for them, **because** they were **harassed** and **helpless**, **like sheep** without a **shepherd**. ³⁷ Then he **said** to his **disciples**, "The **harvest** is **plentiful**, but the **laborers** are few; ³⁸ **therefore** pray **earnestly** to the **Lord** of the **harvest** to **send** out **laborers** into his **harvest**."

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Food for Thought *(continued)*

- God Revealing Himself: Matthew 9:36** shows Jesus' compassion for the crowds, revealing his heart as a shepherd for the lost. **Read Isaiah 40:11 and Hebrews 4:15-16**. How do these passages enhance your understanding of how God reveals his compassionate nature through Jesus in **Matthew 9:36**? Consider how Jesus' response to the crowds challenges you to see others through God's eyes and respond with empathy.
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- Read Luke 7:20-23 and Psalm 145:13-17**. How do these scriptures show God revealing his character and kingdom through Jesus' ministry? In what ways can you reflect God's character in your own actions to help others see him more clearly?
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- Walking with God:** In **Matthew 9:37-38**, Jesus calls his disciples to pray for laborers, inviting them to participate in God's mission. What does this passage suggest about the relationship between walking with God and actively engaging in his work? How can prayer for laborers deepen your own walk with God?
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