

VISUALIZE, AGONIZE, EVANGELIZE

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Matt 9:36-38 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

I don't know if you know it or not but we live in a world with almost 8 billion people in it. That's a lot of people. But the population of our world isn't what I want to focus on today, what I want to focus on is where will those 8 billion souls spend eternity? Will they enjoy the presence of the Lord in heaven or will they suffer the torments of hell?

Jesus said that the harvest is great but the laborers are few.

This is another solicitation for laborers. For workers in God's kingdom. For people whose goals are souls. For people who are able to see as Jesus saw and who are willing to do what Jesus did.

When Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them. What do you see whenever you look at the world? Are you moved with compassion for the lost?

Most church members have lost sight of the souls of men and women. We see people, we see faces, we see bodies, we see personalities, we see problems, but what we need to see more than anything else is souls. Every person we meet has a soul and unless somebody reaches that soul for Christ, they will burn forever in a devil's hell that was not intended for them.

We must see as Jesus saw. We must have a vision for the lost. We need to lift up our eyes and see the city of Alamogordo as a field that is ripe for harvest!

After we visualize, we are then told to agonize. To pray for the harvest.

Ezek 22:31 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

God is looking for someone to stand in the gap and make up the hedge. God is looking for someone who is willing to intercede on the behalf of lost souls.

After we have agonized, we are told to go evangelize.

"Go ye" appears in 216 different verses in the Bible. Our mandate is to go!

Ps 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.