Have You Met Jesus? Series

**Moved By Compassion – Matthew 9:35-38**

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**Introduction**

1. What is the motivation that should drive us to share the great news of Jesus? Are we lacking motivation when it comes to evangelism?
2. Motivation is “the steam that drives the train” but without it we will never seek to save the lost or do the things that will help them to Christ. What propelled Jesus?
   1. Sense of purpose to the Father – John 6:38
   2. The Father’s love – John 15:9; 17:26
   3. The joy set before Him – Heb 12:2-3
   4. How about our text today in Matthew 9:35-38? COMPASSION!
3. **Jesus’ Compassion For The Lost**
   1. Jesus Had Compassion For The Lost
      1. He was moved by our sufferings – Mat 14:14; 20:34; Mark 9:22
      2. He was moved by our sorrows – Luke 7:13
      3. He was moved by our hunger – Mat 15:32
      4. He was moved by our loneliness – Mark 1:41
      5. He was moved by our lostness – Mat 9:36
   2. His Compassion MOVED Him…
      1. To heal the sick, demon-possessed, raise the dead and feed the hungry
      2. To personally teach those in need of a Shepherd – Mark 6:34
      3. To call upon His disciples to pray for laborers and then He sent them to labor
4. **Our Compassion For The Lost**
   1. Do We Have Compassion For The Lost?
      1. Are we moved when we see people without Christ?
      2. Have we taken any efforts to teach someone the gospel? Is prayer enough?
   2. How Can We Develop Compassion?
      1. Let God teach us how to love – 1 Thes 4:9; 1 Jn 3:16-17
      2. By spending time around people (build relationships and friendships)
   3. How Should Compassion Move Us?
      1. To go out and teach others – Mark 6:34
      2. To learn how to go out and teach others – Heb 5:12; 1 Pet 3:15
      3. To make arrangements for others to be taught – John 1:45-46; Acts 10:24,33
      4. Praying for more laborers and then sending some out – Mat 10:1,5-7

**Conclusion**

1. Without compassion for the lost there is “no steam” and we will only sit on the tracks
2. With compassion for the lost we will not rest until we are doing something – Jer 20:9
3. Let us look at Jesus and let compassion move us to and set our hearts on fire for souls!