

**GROUP
DISCUSSION
GUIDE**

Week 1

FISHING



CONNECT

Take sometime to break the ice and choose one of the questions below.

- How did praying for your 3 people this last week go?
- Zombie apocalypse. Where would you go to survive?
- Discipleship Check-In

INTRODUCTION

People are like sheep without a shepherd and there is an abundant harvest ready for workers who are sent out to reap it. In today's passage Jesus uses these comparisons to invite us to see people and the world as he does because he knows our views need to be changed. Before we dive in let's invite the Spirit to help us understand what this passage is saying and to see people as Jesus does.

OBSERVE

READ:

Matthew 9:35-38

DISCUSS:

- What questions do you have about the passage?
- What is the context of this passage? What is happening before and after?
- How does the context of the passage inform what Jesus is saying?

INTERPRET

DISCUSS

- How would you summarize what this passage is saying?
- How does the comparison of “the people” being like sheep without a shepherd bring more insight into their need to hear the gospel?
- What does it mean that the “harvest is plentiful?” Why do you think Jesus is telling his disciples this?

APPLY

DISCUSS

- How would seeing Jesus having compassion for you change your willingness to come to him as your shepherd?
- When you think about sharing the gospel do you believe that the harvest is plentiful? Do you believe that you could be the answer to the prayer that more workers would be sent into the harvest?
- Like last week, we are going to be intentional about how we can pursue and love the lost people in our lives. Pick one person from your prayer list from last week and share how you could intentionally serve them this week.

PRAYER

Praise the Father that he wants to see lost people saved. Praise Jesus that he is a compassionate shepherd who wants to save lost sheep. Praise the Spirit that he can give us the ability to be a compassionate shepherd just like Jesus. Pray that you would see the world and people like Jesus does and it might stir up faith to see lost sheep come into a relationship with the Shepherd.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you read your Bible and prayed consistently the past week?
- Who is one lost person you're praying would come to faith?



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