

Your Compassion – Matthew 23:37



CBC's Purpose Statement. Our passion is **to know God**
and to **make Him known**
through worship, fellowship, discipleship & ministry.

Matthew 23:37; Matthew 9:36-38

Four stairsteps to compassionate witnessing:

1. _____ v. 36a, 36c

Jesus **saw** them. What did He see?

- they _____ –
- they had no _____ –

Psalm 142:4 "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul."

2. _____ v. 36b

Charles Bridges: "Oh, for that deep realizing sense of the preciousness of immortal souls, that would make us look at every sinner we meet as a soul to be 'pulled out of the fire,' and to be drawn to Christ; —which would render us willing to endure suffering, reproach, and the loss of all, so that we might win one soul to God, and raise one monument to His everlasting praise! Happy mourner in Zion! Whose tears over the guilt and wretchedness of a perishing world are the outward indications of thy secret pleadings with God, and the effusion of a heart solemnly dedicated to the salvation of thy fellow-sinners!"

3.

v. 37

The big picture – a plenteous _____, but insufficient _____.

This is precisely where my missions literacy resides. Do I understand?

4.

v. 38; 10:1, 5-7

Here's where the "rubber meets the road"!

1. _____

2. _____

David Brainerd (ministered to Indians along the Delaware River):
"I care not where I live, or what hardships I go through, so that I can but gain souls to Christ. While I am asleep, I dream of these things; as soon as I awake, the first thing I think of is this great work. All my desire is the conversion of sinners, and all my hope is in God."

CONCLUSION

Hyman Appelman: "Compassionlessness is the curse of the church, the crime of the pulpit, the condemnation of the pew. We wonder why so few Christians give themselves to intercession, to visitation, to soul-winning, to witnessing. They lack compassion. An awful pall of selfishness has settled down upon all Christendom. There are no sighings for the perishing, no strong cryings for the undone. Weeping fathers, mothers, deacons, SS teachers are the almost unbelievable exception rather than the universal rule. That is one reason why the evening service is oft times followed by the gay social time rather than the godly season of tarrying. That is why the preacher can leave the pulpit and the people the pews when there has not been a single move by sinners for salvation, and go to an area of feasting rather than to an altar of fasting."



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What does compassion look like?