

Scripture: The Law of God (Deut. 5) - Matthew 9:18-38

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Prayer for More Laborers

I. Occasion II. Observation III. Direction

I. The Occasion

A. Matthew recalls busy crowds coming to Jesus

1. Many came for *unspiritual* reasons (John 6:26-27)

2. Matthew recorded Jesus' inner feeling (vs. 36)

a. what He saw

b. what he felt

c. what do we see and how do we feel

II. Jesus' Observation

A. Jesus saw a 'harvest' in these crowds

1. What did Jesus see that the disciples did not

2. Do we see today's harvest opportunities?

III. Jesus Direction

A. Our Lord calls us to pray

1. The wisdom of His direction

2. The content of the prayer: *what kind of laborers is He thinking of?*

Close: Jesus' *first* call labor applies to us all!