

The "lost" under consideration in this lesson consists of those lost in their sins. We "Seek" them, not in the sense that we don't know where they are, for they are all around us, but in the sense that we are trying to save them.

In Matthew 9:35-38, Jesus taught us that the harvest is plentiful. That is, we are surrounded by the lost, and we need to seek to get them saved. This is done, simply put, by sharing the Gospel with them (Romans 1:16; 10:17; 2 Ths 2:14; Jn 6:44-45).

1. What did Jesus mean by "The laborers are few?" Mtt 9:37
2. What did Jesus instruct his disciples to do on this occasion?
3. How does one come to have faith?
4. What did Paul mean when he said the Thessalonians were "Called" by the Gospel?

## Our Disposition In Seeking The Lost

Luke 19:10; Mk 1:16-20; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 2 Corinthians 5:9-11; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9

1. What did Jesus state His mission on earth to be?
2. How did Paul feel about saving those who were lost?
3. In the 2 Corinthians reference, what thoughts prompted Paul to want to convert the lost?
4. God clearly wants the lost to be saved; How do I view those with whom I come into contact on a daily basis?

## Our Duty To Seek The Lost

Matthew 28:16-20; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Acts 8:1-4

1. How do we know that the "Great Commission" applies to all Christians?
2. Describe the cycle found in 2 Timothy 2:2.
3. How do you think those in Acts 8:4 knew they had a responsibility to spread the Gospel?

## Our Difficulties In Seeking The Lost

Acts 8:3-4; Acts 4:17-18, 23-29; Acts 5:40-42; Mk 8:34-38

1. Describe some difficulties the first century Christians faced in seeking the lost.
  2. How do you think they overcame those difficulties?
  3. What difficulties do we face today in seeking the lost?
  4. In Mark 8:38, what do you think Jesus meant by being "Ashamed" of His words? What are some ways that we might be ashamed in talking to others about Jesus? What are some ways that we might overcome that feeling of shame or awkwardness in sharing the Gospel?
  5. Can you think of some ways that we can easily spread the Gospel with very little difficulty?
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