

IV. BE _____

Verse 36b:

...because they were HARASSED AND HELPLESS, like sheep without a shepherd.

2 Peter 3:15

Bear in mind that our Lord's **patience** means salvation...

V. BE _____

Verse 37:

Then he said to his disciples, "THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL but the workers are few..."

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared** to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

CONCLUSION

HEARTS OF COMPASSION A HEART FOR THE HARVEST Having a Heart for People Who Need Jesus February 28, 2010 SX301

INTRODUCTION

Theme of Our Ministry Year:
OPEN HEARTS, OPEN HEAVENS
Preparing the Way for What God Has in Store By Inviting Him to
Break Open Our Hearts and to Break Open His Heavens

Romans 9:1-4a

I speak the truth in Christ — I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit— 2 **I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish** in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, 4 the people of Israel.

In Your Bible:
Matthew 9:35-38
(Page 964 in the Pew Bible)

John 4:34-36

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. 35 Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! **They are ripe for harvest.** 36 Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.”

George Bernard Shaw

This is the true joy of life: being used for a mighty purpose, instead of being a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. Life is no brief candle. It is a splendid torch which I hold for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

Philippians 2:14-16a

Do everything without complaining or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe
16 as you hold out the word of life...

Key Truth:

Having a Heart for the Harvest Involves
Having a Heart for People

I. BE _____

Verse 36:

When he saw the crowds, he had COMPASSION on them...

II. BE _____

Verse 38:

ASK the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

III. BE _____

Verse 35:

Jesus WENT through all the towns and villages, TEACHING in their synagogues, PREACHING the good news of the kingdom and HEALING every disease and sickness.