

Three Questions That People Are Asking

Matthew 9:35-37, Psalm 23, Matthew 10:1

Jesus had forgiven and restored life to the people. He was **teaching, preaching, and healing** throughout the cities.

- *Teaching: to cause to learn*
- *Preaching: to make known publicly & loudly*
- *Healing: to cure and take care of*

He used parables, Heavenly stories with earthly meaning, and His primary message was *the Kingdom of God is available for entry*. But this is just the beginning for Jesus. He has informed, proclaimed, and demonstrated but He has just begun.

“Ministry does not stop when you leave the church.” – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

When Jesus saw the multitude, something began to happen. He was moved by compassion leading to these three questions:

Do You See Me? (Matthew 9:35)

To see means to *look*, to become aware of. Compassion begins with seeing. Jesus **saw** the multitude. Our hindsight (looking back) to foresight (looking ahead) is successful when we have eyesight that gives us *insight*. We need to see others and also allow others to see who we are. We may have become accustomed to camouflaging who we are, and possibly haven't seen our own selves in years.

“Many times we want to be seen, but it requires us to be vulnerable.” – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

Do You Feel Me? (Matthew 9:36)

In the scripture He was moved with compassion.

“When He looked out over the crowd, His heart broke.” – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

He felt the multitude. Compassion moves us from just seeing to *feeling*.

(Psalm 23): The multitude were scattered like sheep without a shepherd. The enemy will often discredit the shepherds sent to lead us and the sheep will go astray.

What are you Going to do About it? (Matthew 9:37/Matthew 10:1)

“The world is hungry for the living bread. Are you willing to do something about it?” – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

The scripture says He gave them authority. *Authority* is the right to use power. We are not here to simply watch, we are here to *do*. God has your heart, but does He have your hands as well, to do the work?

“Let our compassion result in action.” – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.