

A Church on a Mission
Part 7: The People Priority
Matthew 9:35-36

A Southern Baptist Church
Plant in New York City?!!!
(411 NYC Church)

Know Your Mission

- Loving God and Loving People (Mark 12:29-30)
- Making disciples of all People (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Representing Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)

The purpose of First Baptist Church is to introduce people to
Jesus Christ and to help people live as Christ's fully devoted
followers

A BIG Heart of Love for People

Matthew Basics

Matthew 9:35: 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.

Went through: to travel about-Jesus went into and interacted &
spent time with the people

All the towns (walled) & villages (unwalled): 200 towns &
villages in the greater Galilee region

Teaching....Preaching....Healing (present active participles)

Teaching: careful instruction & communication

Synagogues: the center of life in a Jewish community

Preaching: announcing & proclaiming the Gospel

The Kingdom of God: the rule & reign of God

Healing: every kind of disease & sickness

Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

He: Jesus

Saw: to perceive, understand, observe—using the mind to understand something--evaluate

The Crowds: the masses, the general population

Compassion: (bowels-stomach): tenderness, empathy, genuine concern, sympathy, pity

“To be affected deeply emotionally”

“To be deeply moved in the inner being”

“Gut wrenching emotion”

Jesus' HEART went out to the People

WHY?

Harassed (flayed): distressed, severely troubled, battered, worn out

Helpless (thrown down): unable to cope with life

Sheep without a Shepherd: no leader, no guide, no one to save them when in danger – like lost sheep

Jesus understood the real condition of people & still loved them

Allow The Holy Spirit to Lead

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Galatians 5:25 “Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

Get Into Action Together

Reach Out! Life Group

1. Complete list of pre-Christians in your sphere of influence (Friends, Family, Co-workers, Neighbors & Acquaintances)
2. Pray for each person for 1 week asking God to show you one person
3. Choose 1 Pre-Christian and present to the group
4. Together and individually pray regularly for each person (17 total pre-Christians)
5. Reach Out! Life Group
6. Devise a plan on “how” we as a group can reach out to each person
7. (Matthew parties, service projects, meeting on their turf)
8. Receive evangelism training
9. TOGETHER reach out to Pre-Christians!

VBS—Missionaries for A Week—July 13-19

Make Pre-Christians a Priority!