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- 2) Read Matthew 9:27-10:4. What’s surprising, confusing or frustrating about this passage?
- 3) Describe what compassion looks like physically on a person. How would Matthew know that Jesus has compassion on the crowds?
- 4) Consider the two blind men. What’s unusual about the way Jesus’ heals? Read Mark 8:22-25. Why would Jesus heal a blind man in two stages? What’s it teach you and me about the way we see? How does that evoke compassion?
- 5) What does compassion look like towards Pharisees? Towards unbelievers? How does praying for laborers in God’s harvest push you to join His work?
- 6) What’s your natural response to join Jesus’ mission? What would help you be more equipped for the task? Reflect on the disciples abilities at this point. What do you have that they do not?
- 7) How do you wrestle with the tension between a Sovereign Almighty God who doesn’t need you, but sends you into His harvest? See the Tozer quote below:

“Probably the hardest thought of all for our natural egotism to entertain is that God does not need our help. We commonly represent Him as a busy, eager, somewhat frustrated Father hurrying about seeking help to carry out His benevolent plan to bring peace and salvation to the world. Too many missionary appeals are based upon this fancied frustration of Almighty God. An effective speaker can easily excite pity in his hearers, not only for the heathen but for the God who has tried so hard and so long to save them and has failed for want of support. I fear that thousands of young persons enter Christian service from no higher motive than to help deliver God from the embarrassing situation His love has gotten Him into and His limited abilities seem unable to get Him out of. Add to this a certain degree of commendable idealism and a fair amount of compassion for the underprivileged, and you have the true drive behind much Christian activity today.

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- 8) Take time to pray for the harassed and helpless sheep that we know. Pray for God to raise up more laborers to go out into His harvest.

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