

**Home Group Study Material for w/c 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010**  
**Matthew 9:35-38 Who are the workers?**

**Suggested questions for discussion** – as usual please modify them as appropriate for your group

1. *'Ice-breaker' question:* Describe a time when you have felt particularly compassionate towards the situation of an individual or a group of people. To what extent did you experience the sense of *splanchna* that Jesus had towards the Galilean crowds in v36 – the gut-wrenching compassion that moved him so much?
2. What are the three areas of ministry that Jesus is recorded as carrying out in verse 35? How do they compare with the instructions that Jesus gives to us in the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20?
3. In what ways are people 'like sheep without a shepherd' in Lewes today? In what practical ways does this show itself?
4. Identify and discuss the reasons why we might not have the same compassion for the people of Lewes that Jesus had for the people of Galilee. (Hint: How do most people view crowds of people? How does Jesus view them?)
5. What new mission / harvest opportunities might God be giving us at Southover so that we can get further involved in harvesting?
6. Hopefully we all have friends who are ready for 'harvesting' – even if they don't realise it yet! Discuss practical ways in which we can take our friends (and neighbours and family) to Jesus in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Lewes and thereby do our part in personally helping to fulfil the Great Commission?
7. Why does Jesus put so much emphasis on the need for prayer? Is it significant that Jesus didn't mention other needs such as obedience or money? Are you willing to commit to obeying Jesus' instruction in verse 38?
8. At the end of your study specifically "ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field" (v38) in a time of prayer

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