

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TARENTUM BIBLE CLASS

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Discipleship—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Lesson #60—The Messengers-The Harvest (Part III)

A. We are the problem. (Matthew 9:35-38)

- Jesus is looking for good shepherds, and behold, there are none to be found.
- That saddens His heart.
- His divine pity embraces this lost flock, the mass of people around him.
- Here, where God's people stand before him ill-treated, miserable, and poor, Jesus sees God's field ripe for harvest.
- The hour has come that these poor and miserable people are brought home into the kingdom of God.
- The scribes and zealots of the law saw only a trampled, burned, burned, battered field.
- Jesus sees the ripe, waving field of grain for the kingdom of God.
- Now there is no time to lose. Harvesting cannot be delayed.
- "But the laborers are few".
- Is it a miracle, since this merciful gaze of Jesus is given to so few?
- Who could enter into this work, besides those who have won a place in Jesus' heart, who have received from him eyes that can see?
- Jesus is looking for help. He cannot do this work alone.
- Where are the workers to help him?

- God alone knows them and must give them to God's Son.
- Who would dare to take the initiative to offer to be Jesus' helper?
- Even the disciples do not dare to do so.
- They are to ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers at the right hour, for it is time.