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

- Matthew 9:36 (NIV)



HOOK



Start the conversation by saying...

An investment is making a sacrifice today for a promised future benefit.

ENGAGE



Go deeper with this...

What is one thing that you can describe as being "worth it" despite coming at a cost?

LINK



Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Following Jesus means being His disciples and guiding others to do the same.
- It's a life-long journey that is not always easy.
- Guiding others calls for compassion, the same way Jesus had compassion on those who didn't know Him yet.
- Discipleship can be challenging and also rewarding. Sometimes we won't experience the reward on earth. But ultimately, we know that we have obeyed Christ and we have an eternal reward.
- Our abundant life in Jesus is worth any other cost that might be made when we choose to follow Him.
- Jesus loves us, so He will not force us to follow Him. He'll let us make that choice.
- And because He loves us, He will also teach and strengthen us to face upcoming challenges.

PAUSE

Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (pick one)

- What are some challenges you've encountered as you follow Jesus and guide others in following Him?
- What are some "rewards" (spiritual, relational, physical, financial) you've experienced?

Pray Together (pick one)

- Pray for more believers to have the heart to guide others. Pray that God would show you the first steps to guiding others.
- Ask God how to demonstrate His love with your lifestyle. Pray for His supernatural power to give you strength to obey.
- Pray that whatever challenge you are going through, especially as a disciple of Jesus, He will continue to strengthen you, and remind you of the ultimate and eternal reward.



37Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

— Matthew 9:37–38 (NIV)

38"Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."

— Matthew 10:38–39 (NIV)