I Love Series: I Love to Offer Christ

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Matt 9:35-38

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. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

To Offer Christ we must...

I. HAVE A HEART FOR <u>HURTING</u> PEOPLE

<u>Matt 9:36</u>

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

Matt 11:28

"Come to me, <u>all you who are weary and burdened</u>, and <u>I will</u> give you rest."

To Offer Christ we must...

2. REALIZE WE ALL <u>NEED</u> JESUS

<u>Matt 9:37</u>

Then he said to his disciples, "<u>The harvest is plentiful but the</u> workers are few.

To Offer Christ we must...

3. SACRIFICIALLY <u>RESPOND</u> TO THE NEED

<u>Matt 9:38</u>

<u>Ask the Lord of the harvest</u>, therefore, <u>to send out workers</u> into his harvest field."

<u>2 Cor 5:</u>

14 For <u>Christ's love compels us</u>... 15 ... he died for all, that <u>those</u> who live should <u>no longer live for themselves but for him</u> who died for them and was raised again.

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4. SERVE IN CHRIST'S <u>POWER</u> & <u>AUTHORITY</u> <u>Matt 28:18-20</u> (Great Commission)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "<u>All authority in heaven</u> and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make <u>disciples</u> of all nations, baptizing them in the name of <u>the</u> <u>Father</u> and of <u>the Son</u> and of <u>the Holy Spirit</u>, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

<u>Acts 1:6</u>

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."