



# Sermon Questions

May 24, 2026 | Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38 – *Grace Filled Community*

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

## Core Questions

1. Discuss the relationship between “showing” the gospel and “telling” the gospel? Why is it essential that they are held together?
2. What part of the healing ministry of Jesus most resonates with you right now? Why is it important for us to remember that this is the promised kingdom breaking into the present age?
3. What is the significance of Matthew 10 coming directly after this passage?
4. Who were some of the people who first shared and showed you the gospel?

## Inward Grace in Action

1. Jesus’ compassion is described viscerally as hitting him in his guts. How does reflecting on Jesus’ experience of compassion as he sees the crowds shape our inward response?
2. What are your thoughts on how compassion frames Jesus’ mission and ours? Why might this be especially important in this day and age?

## Outward Grace in Action

1. What are some things that are preventing you from viewing people with compassion?
2. Since 2001 40 million Americans have stopped attending church. The number one reason: they moved. How does this statistical reality re-shape how you might think about inviting people to church?
3. What are some ways that you pray for “lost sheep” in your life? What does earnest prayer look like and how can we grow in that?

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A - Ask about the message:** ask your children if they know what Jesus does with lost sheep
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** Tell your children about how you first heard the gospel, the people who God used to disciple you.
3. **K – Keep it going:** Include prayers for the lost in your regular family prayer time.

## WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these passages that trace the theme of grace filled worship throughout the scriptures:

- Numbers 27:17
- Isaiah 61:1-2
- Psalm 107:1-9
- Matthew 11:25-30
- John 10
- Acts 11

*Resources: Stephen Ministry, for anyone who is in need of a confidential, compassionate, and gifted leader to walk through a season of difficulty with.*  
[www.mcleanpres.org/stephenministry](http://www.mcleanpres.org/stephenministry)

*Look Ahead: Next week we will hear Pastor Austin’s final sermon as a pastor of MPC, and we will commission him for his mission work in Brussels.*