



## ***The Work of Prayer: Matthew 9:35-38***

1. Form a \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 9:35-38)

a. Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Opportunity: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Steps: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Find the \_\_\_\_\_

a. \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 11:1)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:14)

3. Focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 10:13-15)

a. God's people \_\_\_\_\_  
(Joshua 1:3)

b. Christians can \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ephesians 6:15)

**Teach Us to Pray** Study Guide #2 7/16/17  
Matthew 9:35-38 **“The Work of Prayer”**

*10 Questions for study and discussion*

1. In Matthew 9:38, Jesus teaches us to “Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest.” What is the harvest that Jesus is talking about? What kind of worker is Jesus talking about?
2. Before we begin praying for workers for the eternal harvest, what does the Lord teach us about the size of the harvest and the number of workers? As you look around you, do things appear the way the Lord was describing?
3. How does the Lord’s teaching on praying for workers for His harvest affect your prayer list? Where do you see a need for the Lord to raise up additional harvest workers?
4. Since the Lord in Matthew 9:38 tells us what to pray, as we pray specifically for new harvest workers, we are praying “according to the will of the Father”. What does God’s Word teach us about praying according to the will of God? (see 1 John 5:14-15).
5. How have you already learned how to pray according to the will of the Father? In what other ways do we learn from God’s Word how to pray according to the will of God? (see Matthew 18:19-20).

6. If Jesus taught us to “pray to the Lord of the harvest” that he would “send out workers into his harvest,” we catch a glimpse of Jesus’ concern for His harvest. In what ways are you concerned about the harvest and about the number of harvest workers?
7. As you answer the following questions, ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand yourself in your daily life?
  - Who are you more aware of .... God or man?
  - Who do you fear more....God or man?
  - Who do you want to impress more....God or man?
  - Who do you have time for in your life....God or man?
  - What work are you aware of....God’s or man’s?
8. How can we become more aware of God and more aware of His Kingdom work? Read John 15:7. What does Jesus want you to do today in order to “remain” or “abide” in Him?
9. The goal of this study is to explore the work of praying according to the will of God. What would have to change in your life in order that this kind of praying would become a regular or ongoing part of your daily life? Are there people in your life you might begin to pray with in this manner as well?
10. What part of the prayer method from last week (Five Fingers) was helpful to you in developing your prayer life? As you continue to use that method and others, in what simple ways can you pray for harvest workers with FAITH today?

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