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EMBRACING THE NEW

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Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

HARASSED = _____

HELPLESS = _____

HE DOESN'T SAY...
GO AND RECRUIT.
HE SAYS, _____.

HE DOESN'T SAY....
SO _____.

1. MEDITATE ON AND PRAY THROUGH MATTHEW 9:35-38 EVERY DAY THIS WEEK.
2. PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO EVANGELIZE, IN PERSON OR ONLINE.
3. OPEN YOUR EYES! WAKE UP TO WHAT GOD IS DOING ALL AROUND YOU.
4. IN CONVERSATIONS, ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS. (PRAY FOR GENUINE SPIRITUAL CURIOSITY.)
5. LOOK FOR SIGNS OF THEIR AWARENESS OF THEIR NEED FOR THE LOVE, FORGIVENESS, PURPOSE, AND REST THAT ONLY JESUS GIVES.
6. IF SOMEONE SHOWS INTEREST, SHARE YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE/STORY (E.G. JOHN 4:39).
7. INVITE THEM TO LISTEN TO JESUS FOR THEMSELVES (THROUGH CHURCH, PODCASTS, BOOKS, BIBLE). TAKE A "COME AND SEE!" APPROACH (PHILIP TO NATHANAEL, JOHN 1:46; 4:39-41)
8. DON'T FEEL PRESSURE TO "WIN" AN ARGUMENT. INTRODUCE THEM TO JESUS AND LET HIM CONVINCED THEM. YOU'RE A DATING SERVICE, NOT A SALESPERSON.
9. IF THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED, SERVE THEM IN OTHER WAYS OR JUST MOVE ON.
10. IF APPROPRIATE, LET THEM KNOW YOU'LL BE PRAYING FOR THEM.