

The Ministry of Jesus Summed Up!

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. 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."



Matthew 9:35-38



*Living in
my Father's
Shadow*



A shadow is all about how an object interacts with light.



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12



Me and My Shadow

So if Jesus is the light

I am in the object (Absorber or Reflector)

**Then the shadow I cast will be a great indicator
of my relationship with the light**

**We are more interested in the "shadow"
Jesus made during his earthly ministry**

**We want to explore is how to fit my "shadow"
and/or the church's "shadow" inside of His**



We want people to see Christ not me

**To be in somethings shadow, it has
to be bigger than me**



**The closer I am to the object the better chance
I have to hide in its shadow**

**Thus it would make sense that if we want
to reach people the way Jesus did,
then we should look his ministry**

Make his ministry our focal point

**Match what we are doing as closely as we can
to what he did**



Last week we discussed doing what Jesus did

**This week we are going to talk about
what Jesus saw**



What did Jesus See?

**When he saw the crowds, they were harassed and
helpless, like sheep without a shepherd**

**What I see goes a long
way toward my actions**



How What We See Impacts Us

If food does not look appetizing then
odds are I won't eat it

70% of you opinion about a person
comes from what you see

"You never get a second chance
to make a first impression"

Seeing feeds our emotions
(fear, joy, disgust, anger)



The first thing Jesus saw was people

The verse says he saw the crowds

**The verse says crowds but do not loose
"sight" that the crowd was made up of people**

Jesus saw people not sin!

**Homosexual, Adulterer, Liar,
Thief, Gossip, Drunkard**

**But keep in mind he was there to die for
that sin so they could have a way out**



Have you ever noticed
when Jesus talked about sin
it was **ALWAYS** a passing
thought on the way
to forgiveness



Jesus saw them for what they were **(harassed and helpless)**



Harassed: feeling or looking strained through having too many demands made on one

Helpless: Unable to defend oneself or to act without help

Victim: a person harmed, injured, or killed as a result of a crime, accident, or other event or action



Jesus Never Saw Problems Just People

Sinful: wicked and immoral; committing or characterized by the committing of sins

Sinner: a person who transgresses against divine law by committing an immoral act or acts

A sinful person warrants judgement (from God) because they are characterized by sin

A sinner is somebody that has sinned but they are worth redeeming



**How we the church talk about
and pray about people tells the
world exactly what we see**



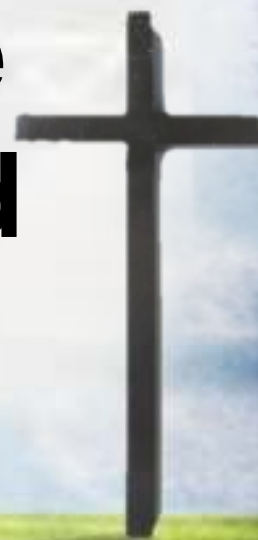
**But the things that come out of a person's
mouth come from the heart, and these
defile them.**

Matthew 15:18





**Once He was able to see
what they were He was able
to identify what they needed**



Jesus Never Saw Problems Just People

**To the tax collector stuck in a tree...
Let's have dinner**

**To the woman caught in adultery...
Neither do I condemn you**

**To the harassed and helpless victims
of the human condition we call sin ...
They need a shepherd**





Luke 19:10
For the Son of Man came
to seek and to save the **lost.**



The Picture of a Shepherd

The Shepherd values the sheep

(A shepherd with no sheep is unemployed.... no purpose)



The Shepherd lives with the sheep

The Shepherd tends to the sheep's needs

(Still Waters, Green Pastures, Protection)

The Shepherd guides, and corrects the sheep

(Rod, Staff)

The Shepherd "gives" their life for the sheep

(In Death and Through Life)



**Are we living in His
Shadow?**

