

# **The PRIORITY of CONNECTING**

Matthew 9:35-38 ([Link to Scripture](#))

## Introduction

Harvesting is the end result of a series of intentional activities.

Harvesting is labour intensive work.

## Principle #1 – We Must Connect on a Practical, Physical Level (v. 35)

1. We must go because we have been sent (Matthew 28:19-20)
2. We must view our context correctly
  - ♦ Playground
  - ♦ Battleground
3. We must connect before we communicate
  - ♦ Contact
  - ♦ Connect
  - ♦ Communicate

## Principle #2 – We Must Connect on an Emotional Level (v. 36)

1. We must gain a correct view of people
  - ♦ Harassed = bullied, oppressed
  - ♦ Helpless = unable to rescue themselves or to escape their tormentors
2. We must allow our vision to create passion
  - ♦ Compassion is the key response

## Principle #3 – We Must Connect on a Spiritual Level (vs. 37-38)

1. The key problem is too few harvesters
2. The amazing solution is prayer
  - ♦ to the Triune God
  - ♦ specific request
3. The anticipated result is labourers
  - ♦ because harvesting is hard work
  - ♦ because harvesting requires servants, not masters

## My Decision

I will begin to pray for labourers.

I will increase my commitment to pray for labourers.