



God's Heart and Plan: We Participate Through Prayer (Matthew 9:35-38)
Talk To Me sermon series
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BIG IDEA: God has a desire for everyone, everywhere to be introduced to His kingdom. He has a plan for that and invites us to participate.

God's Heart, Plan and Invitation

1. **God's heart:** Genesis 12:1-3, Isaiah 56:6-7, John 3:16, Revelation 7:9
2. **God's plan:** Matthew 9:35, Matthew 28:18-19, Acts 1:8, Revelation 14:6

Stories of three countries

- Resource on countries and peoples of the world - <http://www.operationworld.org/>
 - Mongolia – a handful of Christians in 1990, 100,000 in 2013 (3% of population),
 - Nepal –50K in 1990, 400k in 2000, >1million in 2010
 - <http://www.operationworld.org/country/nepa/owtext.html>
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_in_Nepal
 - <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2016/02/03/463965924/why-nepal-has-one-of-the-worlds-fastest-growing-christian-populations>
 - Iran - ~100K in early ninety's, perhaps 800K or more today
 - https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_population_growth
 - <https://www.christianpost.com/news/iranian-intelligence-minister-concerned-with-growth-of-christianity-converts-summoned.html> ("One of the fastest evolving underground church movements in the world.")
3. **God's invitation:** Matthew 9:35-37
 - a. Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a

shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few."

- b. Jesus announced, he preached, he spoke, he communicated. He also healed. He had compassion on the people that he encountered. He recognized their need. He said, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. **Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.**"

NEXT STEP:

1. Unreached of the Day (App) – daily reminder on the phone (See resources below)
2. Use the news headlines, and pray for a country mentioned
3. Adopt a specific country and pray for them regularly
4. Pray daily for a minute or two from the app or God may give a burden or passion for a specific country or region
5. Just start! – big or small

FOR MY PERSONAL TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. Each day this week Pray that God would send out laborers into His harvest in _____. (Fill in the blank, one particular country, or a different one every day.)

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- **Unreached of Day**
 - App - <https://joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday/app>
 - For a complete list of unreached peoples, visit [Joshua Project](#).
- **The Insanity of God, Nik Ripken**
 - <https://www.amazon.com/s?k=insanity+of+god> (book and video)
- **Pary! Eckablllo!, Lou Engle**
 - <https://www.amazon.com/Pray-Ekballo-Prayer-Revolution-Harvest/dp/1092513213>
- **Operation World**
 - The definitive prayer guide for every nation.
 - <http://www.operationworld.org/>
- **Joshua Project**
 - Focused on unreached peoples
 - <https://joshuaproject.net/>