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Matthew 9:35-38

COMPASSION

1. Read Matthew 9:35-38. What words jump out to you? What grabs your attention?
2. Today, people seem more inclined than ever to move *from* one another, especially from people who are perceived as difficult. How does Jesus' example of moving toward others inspire you? How does Jesus' example challenge you?
3. Jesus welcomed sinners, ate with tax collectors, and touched lepers. What people do you move toward that society tends to shun?
4. In the gospel accounts, Jesus never seems to be in a rush! Why might that hold for us?
5. Which is most common for you: to look *past* people, or to look *at* people? In your own words, what does it mean to truly, deeply "see" a person?
6. What helps you feel compassion? What keeps you from more deeply feeling compassion?
7. When feeling burdened by your own struggles, or by the struggles of others (or the world), is your tendency to give up, or to look up?
8. What are your thoughts on not only being a person who prays, but one who desires to be an answer to prayer?
9. What is something that struck you that Patrick Kiely said relative to compassion?