“Connecting Communion And The Crowds”

Matthew 9:35-38
Today’s Target: Connecting Our Communion Worship + Crowds

Numbers involved:

5504 + 
30504 + 
1/2/1778 = #4 + 
93,000,000 = #3 
= #1 / 19:16
A Variety of Ways To “See” People

The disciples (in training) “saw” people as ...

* Intellectual, philosophical curiosity
  (John 9:2-3)

* Jesus saw opportunity for God to be glorified!

The disciples saw “interruptions!”
(Mark 10:13-14)

* Jesus saw reflections of the Kingdom!
Communion Deepens When We Realize Jesus Sees ALL Of Us!

The good and the bad

“And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but everything is open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do”

(Hebrews 4:13)

Our victories to be celebrated
Our failures to be forgiven and cleansed
Our struggles to be won!
The Things That Tapped The Heart of Jesus (Mt. 9:35-38)

Vs. 36 – “He was moved with compassion”

One thing to “pity” people

Compassion “is moved” by suffering; it comes along side to suffer with its

John 1:14 – “And the Word was made flesh...”

In Communion, we’re reminded of His suffering

* physical, emotional, spiritual
Jesus Was Moved By The Immensity Of The Crowds

Vs. 35 – 36 – everywhere He turned, there were MULTITUDES of hurting, broken people

January 12, 2010
Port-Au-Prince, Haiti
300,000 buildings destroyed
200,000 killed
1.5 million homeless
Their Suffering Touched Him

They did not have Him as **Shepherd** (Ps. 23), leaving them constantly “in want.”

They didn’t know the **hope He brings**!  
(Rom. 15:13)

They did not know His **deliverance from sins**!  
(Matthew 1:21)
Their Lack of Defense Touched Jesus

Vs. 36 – “They were distressed and downcast (no hope!) like sheep without a shepherd”

The plight of bullied kids
**28 percent of students ages 12–18 reported being bullied at school; 160,000 stay home every day!**

Only Jesus provides protection from Satan! (1 Peter 5:8).
And So He Has Come As Our Savior!

“The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the words of the devil” (1 John 3:8).

“As the Father has sent Me, I also send you” (John 20:21).
The Response? A Celebration!

We are the recipients of His love

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God” (1 John 3:1).

AND His holiness!

AND forever salvation!