

Teaching Notes

Series: Let's Be Real!

Week 3

We're better at seeing what we're looking for than what might be _____ in _____ of us!!

Matt 9:35-36 (NLT) ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

What we need if we're going to put love into action, is _____ .

NLT Matthew 9:36 *He felt great pity* (italics mine) for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great, and they didn't know where to go for help.

Feeling "great pity" will cause a _____ of some kind!!

Acts 17:16 (NLT) ¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them [Silas & Timothy] in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city.

Acts 17:17-23 (NLT)

¹⁷ He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there. ¹⁸ He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. When he told them about Jesus and his resurrection, they said, "What's this babbler trying to say with these strange ideas he's picked up?" Others said, "He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods." ¹⁹ Then they took him to the high council of the city. "Come and tell us about this new teaching," they said. ²⁰ "You are saying some rather strange things, and we want to know what it's all about." ²¹ (It should be explained that all the Athenians as well as the foreigners in Athens seemed to spend all their time discussing the latest ideas.) ²² So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: "Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, ²³ for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about.

Matt 9:37-38 (NLT) ³⁷ He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

Jesus needs some _____ people that want to have 20/20 spiritual vision.

Closing Song: Let it Start With Me by No Other Name