

## **Group Activity** (i.e. Small group, Sunday school class, etc.)

1. Pass out paper and pens to each participant. Spend five minutes reading and reflecting on the Scripture and the first set of questions.

**Matthew 9:35-36** <sup>35</sup>Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

**Luke 19:41-44** <sup>41</sup>As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup>and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-but now it is hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup>They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

**Romans 10:14-15** <sup>14</sup>How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup>And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

**Luke 10:1-2** <sup>1</sup>After this the LORD appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup>He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the LORD of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Individual reflection:

1. What did Jesus say to you through these verses?
  2. What causes you to weep as you think of a particular people group or individual?
  3. Who are the harassed and helpless in your world? What is the gift of the Good News for them?
  4. Where is your harvest field?
  5. Who are some of the potential workers from the harvest that need to be told the Good News?
2. Ask participants to form groups of four to seven to share their responses.
  3. Ask each group to assign a note keeper/spokesperson. In the same group discuss the following:
    1. How might our church respond to the invitation to pray the 10:2 prayer?
    2. Who are the hurting and harassed in our communities?
    3. Where is our harvest field? How are we offering the gift of the Good News?
    4. What new harvest field does God want us to explore?
  4. Invite spokespersons to share ideas/thoughts with the larger group.
  5. Close with small groups praying the 10:2 prayer together.