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## THE NEXT STEP FOR US IS TO SEE PEOPLE LIKE JESUS SEES THEM

### The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

### The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

*\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*



## The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Have you seen a 3D (or even “4D”) movie or show? How was it? What was your favorite part? What was your *least* favorite part?

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- How does our world (even *us*, sometimes) often see people? What do you think drives most of our *negative* opinions about others?
- Read **Matthew 9:35**. Where did Jesus spend some of His time? Related to last week’s Point, are you *with* people who need Jesus?
- Read **Matthew 9:36**. How does Jesus see people? What descriptive words does Jesus use about people here? Do you see people that way?
- Read **Matthew 9:37-38**. How do these verses tie into v. 36? What do Jesus’ words here say about our role in wanting people to change?
- In the Point we looked at 3“Ds” that we need to stop. Read then discuss the “D” problem and how we’re supposed to see people instead.
  - *Dangerous* Acts 9:11-19. Can you relate to Ananias’ fear? How?
  - *Different* John 4:4-5,35. Why does it matter where Jesus said this?
  - *Despised* Luke 7:36-47. *Trick ?*:What makes her sin different? [its not!]
- We’ve all got past hurt, teaching, and influences that have tainted our view of others. Which of these 3“Ds” is your biggest challenge? Why?
- Let’s brainstorm *practical ideas* for a moment: this doesn't come naturally, so what can we do to begin seeing people like Jesus sees them?
- As we continue *Looking Outward* as a church, pray *again* for the “relationship risk” person/people that you prayed for last week, that you would see them like Matthew 9:36, as Jesus sees them.

## The References

### Main Passage: Matthew 9:35-38 (NLT)

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. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

### Acts 9:10-18 (NLT) \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

..."But Lord," exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem! And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name." ...Then he got up and was baptized.

### John 4:4-5, 35 (NLT)

He had to go through Samaria on the way. Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

"You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest."

### Luke 7:36-47 (NIV) \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." ...Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."