Think about it:
Are you aware of what is going on in the lives of those around you?

We can turn a blind eye to the people all around us. We can turn on a deaf ear to what is going on around us. We can stay in our Christian bubbles and not give a care in the world to the condition of people in this world. This is selfish and unloving. This is showing hatred rather than compassion on others.

Compassion is getting their hurt into our heart. Jesus looked on the multitudes in Matthew 9:35-36 and saw that these people, “fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd.” He saw people with no sense of purpose in life, no idea where it leads to, nor where it will all end.

This is not all there is to compassion. It does not stop here. True compassion is getting their hurt into our heart and then doing something about it. Christ saw the spiritual condition of the many people all around Him. He saw their hurt and their spiritual blindness to the truth. He placed their hurt into His heart and now moves forward to do something about it. Read Matthew 10:1-8 and Mark 6:7-13.
Your Thoughts

Think about it:

*We are sent into the world by a divine authority, the Creator and King of the universe.*

The Power of Being Equipped

Christ moves into action by what He has seen and heard. He now sends His disciples to preach, teach, and to heal. Notice that Christ equips His disciples for this task by giving them power in verse one. He then tells them where to go, what to do, and what to say. We do not have to figure out what to do, where to go, or even what to say. Christ has already done all that for us. He equips us for the task. Read Matthew 4:18-19.

We must also equip ourselves for this task. Verse sixteen says, "be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." We must be familiar with and know how to use our tools as we go out to do something about the people’s hurt.

The task given to us is commissioned by God, the Creator and King of the universe. He has told us plainly what to do. “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” There is nothing more important in all the world to prepare for!

The Power of a Personal Testimony

If you know Christ as your personal Saviour, you are equipped to share the Gospel. You have the knowledge and experience to share who He is with another person. A personal testimony is a powerful tool because it is related to people’s lives, it is real world situations, and you know it well. There are three parts to a testimony: who you were before you came to Christ, how you came to call upon Christ to save you, and what He is doing in your life since that time. Paul used his personal testimony to witness often in Acts 22:1-23, 24:10-22, 26:1-29 and Galatians 1:11-24.

The Power of the Word of God

Christ’s primary task to the disciples and us is to preach His Word to the world. This is not just the job of a pastor or preacher. There is power in God’s Word that we do not have in words of our own. Read Romans 10:17 and Hebrews 4:12. We must learn how to use God’s Word to witness. This can be done through written or spoken word. There are a multitude of ways to get God’s Word into the minds and hearts of others. Prepare your Bible by marking it with key verses to use. Memorize the key salvation verses. Keep and know how to use a Gospel tract to witness.

Think About it:

*If you fail to plan, then you are planning to fail.*

The Power of the Word of God

Christ and His disciples had a plan in verses five through eight. There was a set time, a set place, a set people to go to, and a method of what they would do. They planned and were very intentional about what they were doing. The best way to learn is by preparing then going and doing. As you come across questions and situations you do not know, get the answers to be prepared for the next time. The disciples did this in Mark 9:29-29. We must be willing to learn as we go along and continue preparing ourselves from those experiences.

Think about it:

*We are sent into the world by a divine authority, the Creator and King of the world.*

Your Thoughts

“Think About it:

*If you fail to plan, then you are planning to fail.*

The Power of Going

If we do not go, others will not hear and we cannot heal their hurt. According to Matthew 9:37-38, there are already more people ready to receive Christ as their Saviour than there are people to go and tell them about Him. There are more people hurting than people doing something to heal their hurt. If we are going to go, we must be intentional. The disciples did not just go whenever and wherever.

Christ and His disciples had a plan in verses five through eight. There was a set time, a set place, a set people to go to, and a method of what they would do. They planned and were very intentional about what they were doing. The best way to learn is by preparing then going and doing. As you come across questions and situations you do not know, get the answers to be prepared for the next time. The disciples did this in Mark 9:29-29. We must be willing to learn as we go along and continue preparing ourselves from those experiences.