

Vision: Past, Present and Future

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I. Introduction - Matthew 9.

A. Explaining what the Navigators are is a difficult task. The Navigators are laborers.

II. The heart easily gets calloused to the people around us, but Jesus was moved with compassion. (Luke 10)

A. The Good Samaritan was probably a busy business man, but something moved him to act in compassion toward the injured man.

B. It has to do with love. Love is an unselfish concern that freely accepts another and seeks his good. You cannot help someone if you do not really love that person.

C. God has called the Navigators to do something about the need for laborers to increase the amount of people who could be light to others.

III. You are a laborer as a Christian and you should be concerned about laborers in the world.

A. You must first **pray**.

1. The focus is not on yourself, but on the needy.

2. God resists the proud, and we are up against Him when we do not pray; prayer is an act of dependence upon God.

3. It is hard to pray because it is a spiritual battle.

B. **Go**.

1. Start where you are at.

2. Start with what you have.

D. **Do**. (Acts 10:38)

1. Show the compassion of Jesus, share the concern of Jesus and obey the commands of Jesus.

2. Jesus went about doing good, loving God with all of His heart and loving others.

3. Jesus went about healing those oppressed by the Devil as well.

IV. Conclusion. Laboring is about complications—it is about cost.

Application questions

1. What is love according to the speaker? How does this apply to laboring?

2. What does the laborer do that is like Jesus? How does this look in your own culture?

3. What can you do this week as a laborer that can influence a life for Jesus Christ? Be specific.
