

Harassed and Helpless Were the Crowds

Text: Matt. 9:35-10:8

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Harassed and helpless were the crowds
That Jesus saw each day,
Like sheep without a shepherd, they
Were lost in ev'ry way.

"Great is the harvest," Jesus said,
"Though there be workers few,
Ask God, therefore, to send out folks,
His harvesting to do.

Go heal the sick, and raise the dead,
Cleanse those with leprosy;
And all that you have freely gained,
Now give unsparingly."

Thus twelve disciples Jesus called,
And gave authority,
To drive out demons and to heal
Ev'ry infirmity.

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So may we too like that first twelve,
God's kingdom go proclaim,
And freely give what we've received
In His most holy name.

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