Beyond the Building – Matthew 9:35-38

Small Group Questions for week of November 15, 2026

Icebreaker: If you could organize one fun event for your entire neighborhood to bring everyone together, what would it be and why? ***Bonus:*** *Would you be the planner, the cook, the entertainer, or the person who just shows up?*

Read Matthew 9:35-38 together.

1. Seeing People Differently- In Matthew 9:36, Jesus saw the crowds and had compassion on them. What do you think Jesus saw in the people that others might have overlooked? How can we become better at seeing people the way Jesus sees them?

2. Compassion That Moves Us- Jesus didn't simply notice people's needs; he was moved with compassion. What's the difference between seeing a need and being moved to do something about it? What sometimes keeps us from responding?

3. Beyond the Building- What does it practically look like to be the church outside the church building? Where do you have the greatest opportunity to make an impact?

4. Making Room for More- Who are the people in our community who might feel overlooked, unwelcome, or disconnected? What could Centerpoint do to become a church where people always find room?

5. Our Personal Responsibility- Think about your neighborhood, workplace, school, or circle of relationships. Who might God be putting in your path that needs to experience His love through you? What's one way you could intentionally reach out?

6. Putting It into Practice- If someone in your community judged Jesus by the way you live, love, and serve outside the church building, what would they see? What's one specific thing you will do this week to represent Jesus beyond the building?

Optional Closing Prayer-

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us that Your heart is for people. Give us eyes to see those who are hurting, hearts filled with compassion, and a willingness to serve beyond the walls of our church. Help us make room for others and reflect the love of Jesus wherever we go. May Centerpoint be a church that makes a difference in our community. Send us out this week to be Your hands and feet.

In Jesus' name, Amen.