GO, SEE, AND BE MOVED
Mark 6:30-34 (ESV)

30 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

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INTRODUCTION

What was your initial reaction when you saw the pictures of churches and believers' homes in Nepal being demolished without notice under the government's reform initiative?



Missions is close to God's heart. His call extends beyond the walls of our homes and churches, beyond our comfort zones, and even beyond our own lives. He calls us to be His witnesses wherever He places us.

Reflecting on the situation in Nepal and the needs around us, how do you think God is calling you to respond to His heart for missions?

DISCUSSION

1. **GO – Mission begins when we are willing to leave our "boat".**

   The disciples had to leave what was familiar and venture out to where the needs were. Likewise, participating in God's mission often requires us to move beyond our comfort zones.

a. What comforts, routines or personal priorities might God be calling you to step away from so that you can participate more fully in His mission?

b. While not everyone is called to overseas missions, what opportunities has God placed before us on our home ground to make Christ known and serve those around us?

2. **SEE – Learning to see people as Jesus sees them.**

   Jesus saw the crowd not as an interruption to His plans, but as people who were helpless and in need of a shepherd. His perspective was shaped by compassion, not convenience.

   Reflecting on the people God places along our paths – at home, at work, in school, in church and in the wider community:

a. Who are the people God may be inviting you to notice, reach out to and lead towards Christ?

b. Have we sometimes viewed people in need as interruptions, inconveniences or distractions rather than as sheep without a shepherd? What might need to change in the way we see them?

3. **BE MOVED – Allowing compassion to move us into action.**

Jesus' compassion was more than an emotion; it moved Him to respond. He began teaching the crowd, addressing their deeper spiritual needs.

Where has God been stirring your heart with compassion in this season of your life? What practical step can you take to translate that stirring into action?

PRAYER

Let us remember that we were once part of the crowd, too – people in need of a Shepherd, reached by someone whom God moved with compassion to step out of their own "boat" and bring Christ into our lives.

Thanksgiving: Give thanks for those whom God moved to reach out to us, whose obedience to His call made an eternal difference in our lives.

Commitment: Ask God to open our eyes to see people as Jesus sees them, soften our hearts with His compassion, and give us the courage to GO, the eyes to SEE, and the willingness to BE MOVED into action.