



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	How to have Vision in Unstable Times	SPEAKER	Ps. Nicky Gumbel
THEME	A Disciple-Making Church	DATE	5 July 2026

MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Vision is the ultimate key to life; without it, our lives lack lasting meaning or purpose. The greatest vision a person can ever have is the vision of Jesus. Based on Matthew 9:35-38, the sermon explained what Jesus saw spiritually.

The book of Matthew is systematically structured to show us the heart of God's mission. From Matthew 4 to 9, Jesus actively proclaimed the Good News and healed the sick. In Matthew 10, He immediately sent His disciples out to do the exact same. Right between these two movements sits Matthew 9:35-38, where Jesus reveals His spiritual vision to us.

FOUR ASPECTS OF JESUS'S VISION FROM MATTHEW 9:35-38

1. The need is urgent

Matthew 9:36 "...they (the crowd) were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Jesus saw that our generation would be anxious, depressed and lonely. Our generation is the most digitally connected in history. Yet, we are also the loneliest generation. The spiritual need around us is deeply urgent.

ESV	Greek Meaning	Ps Nicky's Modern Translation
Harassed	Confused & Exhausted	Anxious
Helpless	Empty & Aimless	Depressed
Like sheep without a shepherd	Scattered, disconnected with the shepherd and other sheep	Lonely

2. The motive is Love

Matthew 9:36 "... He had compassion on them."

The sermon highlighted the intensity of love Jesus had for the crowd using the word “compassion.” In the New Testament, this is the strongest form of love that is almost exclusively used to describe Jesus.

God has a deep love for us even though we are imperfect, and this love is the motive that drives us to love and reach out to others.

3. The trigger is prayer

Matthew 9:38 “Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send workers into His harvest field.”

The key to growing our relationship with God is to communicate. Firstly, we need to listen to what God speaks to us through the Bible to feed our spiritual hunger. Secondly, how we speak to God is via prayer. Even though Christians may sometimes carry doubts and feel unconfident about their prayers, Jesus always listens and understands us.

4. The potential is vast

Matthew 9:37 “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.”

Ps Nicky shared a testimonial from his Alpha group to illustrate how encountering Jesus and having a relationship with Jesus transformed a young man, who was mourning the loss of his mother, within weeks. He encountered Jesus, repented of his sins, was delivered from his addictions, and was joyfully baptized. The very person who walked into church broken ended up sharing the gospel with thousands.

CONCLUSION

Ps Nicky concluded by highlighting how much our generation and the people around us need Jesus. As Christians, we are privileged to know and believe in Jesus. The potential for our communities, our workplaces, and our nation is vast if we choose to step out, align with the vision of Jesus, and bring broken people into a personal encounter with Him.

QUESTIONS

1. Do you have a vision in life? What is your vision?

2. What is Jesus' vision? Knowing His vision, how do you feel when you think of people you see around you who are anxious, depressed and lonely? How can you align yourself with His vision?

3. Ps Nicky shared that the potential is vast when we carry the Vision of Jesus. What are some simple steps you can do to reach out to people in your life (e.g. family members, colleagues, neighbours) to help them encounter Jesus?