

Sermon OutlineNOTES

I. Jesus Calls His Disciples for the Mission (Matthew 9:35; 10:8a)

- A. Jesus went through cities and villages, teaching about the kingdom (**Matthew** 9:35)
 - 1. The kingdom is God's rule (authority) over God's people in God's place
 - 2. Jesus has absolute authority over sin, nature, Satan, death (Mark 1:32-34)
- B. Jesus had compassion for the lost sheep of Israel (Matthew 9:36)
 - 1. They were without a shepherd, harassed and helpless (John 10:11-15)
 - 2. Jesus had compassion for their wellbeing and a desire for them to become his disciples (Mark 6:34)
- C. Jesus calls his disciples and gives them authority for the mission
 - 1. Prayer for laborers to be sent into his harvest (Matthew 9:37-38)
 - 2. Jesus called his disciples and gave them authority (Matthew 10:1; Mark 3:13-15)
 - 3. Jesus sends his disciples out to proclaim the kingdom to the lost sheep of Israel (Matthew 10:5-8a)

II. Trusting God on the Mission (Matthew 10:8b-15)

- A. The disciples received freely from God and now they were to give freely (Matthew 10:8b)
 - 1. The blessings of discipleship come solely by grace (Luke 9:1)
 - 2. What was freely received must be freely given away (Matthew 10:8b)
- B. Trusting God's provision on the journey (Matthew 10:9-10)
 - This was a relatively short mission, extensive supplies were not necessary
 - 2. God provides for them through the hospitality of his people (**Philippians** 4:11-20)
- C. Trusting God to find worthy partners (Matthew 10:11-13)
 - 1. Greet the house as Christ's ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20)
 - 2. Worthy people were those who welcomed the disciple's message
- D. Dealing with rejection (Matthew 10:14-15)
 - 1. Shaking the dust from their feet was a symbol of repudiation (Acts 13:51)
 - 2. Stricter judgement than Sodom and Gomorrah (2 Peter 2:4-9)

III. Conclusion

- A. The kingdom of God is at hand, Jesus is our king
- B. He calls his disciples to himself to heal and then send out
- C. We are all called to the mission, trusting him every step of the way

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Sermon Reflections

1. What is the kingdom of God and what role does Jesus play in it? What role do we play?

MATTHEW 10:8b-15

You received without paying; give without pay. 9 Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. 11 And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. 15 Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

2. How did Jesus demonstrate compassion for his people? What was his purpose for healing them?

3. What were some of the blessings of partnering with Jesus did the disciples receive by grace? How has being called by Jesus to his mission been a blessing in your life?

4. How have you experienced hospitality from God's people while on mission for Him?

5. How have you experienced rejection for the cause of Christ? How does rejection effect you? How have you learned to process through it?