

Sermon OutlineNOTES

I. Jesus sends with instructions (Matthew 10:5–6)

- A. The sphere of the disciples' gospel ministry (Matthew 10:5-6)
 - 1. They were not to go to the regions of Gentiles and Samaritans (Matthew 10:5; John 4:9-10; Luke 9:51-56)
 - 2. They were to go to the lost sheep of Israel (Matthew 10:6; Matthew 15:22-28)
- B. Why were the Gentiles and Samaritans excluded?
 - 1. Because neither the Samaritans/Gentiles nor the disciples were prepared (Luke 9:51-56; Matthew 15:21-28)
 - 2. Because of God's redemptive-historical purposes (Genesis 12:3; 2 Samuel 7:21-16, 18-19; Isaiah 56:3-8)
- C. First for the Jew, then for the Gentile (Romans 1:16-17; Acts 13:44-49)
 - 1. The lost sheep of Israel need a shepherd (Ezekiel 34:2-6, 11-16; 20-24)
 - 2. Jesus is the promised Shepherd of the sheep God's people (John 10:10-11; Matthew15:22)
 - 3. The redemptive plan of God is that Jesus will shepherd a diverse sheepfold (John10:14-16; Isaiah 56:8; Ephesians 1:7-10; 2:11-22; Revelation 7)

II. The Kingdom is at hand! (Matthew 10:7-8a)

- A. The disciples are sent to proclaim the kingdom (Matthew 10:7)
 - 1. The Kingdom of God is God's rule over God's people in God's place
 - 2. The in-breaking of the kingdom comes with the appearing of Jesus (Matthew 4:17)
- B. The disciples are sent to point out to point to the kingdom (Matthew 10:8a; Matthew 12:22-28)
- C. Miraculous works of God have been evidence of the gospel of the Kingdom of God (Acts 8:5-8; Romans 15:18-20; Hebrews 2:4)

III. How do we give evidence to the gospel today?

- A. First, we must proclaim it (Romans 10:9-15, 17)
- B. We pursue gospel-driven love (1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8a; John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:14, 16-18)

Sermon Reflections

1. Why did Jesus restrict the ministry of the disciples to the Jews only? What might this tell us about the person and work of Jesus?

2. Why are the Jews the first to hear the gospel? How can this help us understand the relationship between the Jews and Gentiles?

3. What is the Kingdom of God? What kind of message was preached about Kingdom of God before Jesus was crucified and resurrected?

MATTHEW 10:5-8a

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them,
"Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

4. How can the gospel of the Kingdom of God be evident today? How was it made evident? In the time of the Apostles?

5. What are some tangible ways you could pursue gospel-driven love?