

- I. Context of Matthew 10:40–11:1**
- II. The Disciples' Authority—Matthew 10:40**
- III. Rewards—Matthew 10:41**
- IV. Faith not Works—Matthew 10:42**
- V. Jesus continues his mission—Matthew 11:1**

Sermon Reflections

1. What are the implications of possessing the authority of Christ? How does this make disciples vital to the mission of Christ?

2. Considering the promised dangers and sacrifices, what makes being a disciple worthwhile?

3. What makes Jesus a good reward?

4. What frees disciples from people-pleasing while on the mission of Christ?

5. Why does Jesus emphasize receiving someone as the way to be rewarded?

6. What might it look like for someone to be a spectator rather than a disciple? Why can't you be both?

MATTHEW 10:40–11:1

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. 41

The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

11 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.