

INTRODUCTION

- * "Focusing on the Messiah in the book of Matthew." Matthew was a Jewish man writing to a Jewish audience and giving testimony regarding the life and ministry of the Messiah who had been foretold by many of the Jewish prophets.
- * Today, we continue our examination of the extension of His ministry.
- * Last week we saw the compassion of the Messiah for the motley mass of people (multitudes) that had gathered to Him - they were as sheep without a shepherd. With that compassion, He then commissioned His disciples to represent Him and the Kingdom throughout Israel.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE MESSIAH'S COMPASSION FOR THE MULTITUDE (9:35-38; cf. Acts 10:34-35; 1 Timothy 2:3-4)****II. THE MESSIAH'S COMMISSION OF THE DISCIPLES (10:1-42)**

A. Their Authorization (v. 1-4) 1. TO CAST OUT UNCLEAN SPIRITS 2. TO HEAL ALL SORTS OF SICKNESSES & DISEASES

B. Their Direction (v. 5-8) ... Go!

1. THEIR TARGET: Israel (cf. Rom 1:16; Matt 28:20) 2. THEIR THEME: The Kingdom of God 3. THEIR TESTIMONY (v. 8): Signs/Wonders

C. Their P _____ (v. 9-15)

1. THE C _____ TO THE DISCIPLES
2. THE C _____ UPON THE TOWN & HOUSEHOLD

D. Their P _____ (v. 16-26)

1. THE R _____ OF PERSECUTION (v. 16-23)
2. THE R _____ FOR PERSECUTION (v. 24-26)

E. Their P _____ (v. 27-42)

1. THE S _____ OF OUR CONFESSION (v. 27, 19-20)
2. THE I _____ OF OUR CONFESSION (v. 28-42)
- a. On O _____ Lives (v. 28-33; Romans 10:9-11)
- b. On O _____ Lives (v. 34-42)
- i. T _____ (v. 34-37)
- ii. E _____ (v. 38-42)

INTROSPECTION

- * DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE THAT GOD CAN PROVIDE FOR YOU IF YOU WENT EMPTY-HANDED INTO THE FIELD TO WHICH HE CALLED YOU?
- * WHAT FIELD ARE YOU SERVING IN? ARE YOU PRAYING FOR THE LOST?
- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD CAN, AND WILL, SPEAK THROUGH YOU TO REACH THE LOST?
- * THOUGH WE DO NOT DESIRE PERSECUTION, ARE YOU PREPARED FOR IT?
- * DOES YOUR LIFE, AND DO YOUR LIPS, PROCLAIM THAT JESUS IS THE LORD OF YOUR LIFE? DO YOU CONFESS HIM OPENLY, OR ARE YOU ASHAMED OF HIM?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * Was the commissioning of the twelve disciples only for a specific time during Christ's ministry on the earth? Was the commissioning of the eleven (the twelve minus Judas) specific for them during the beginning of the church?
- * What application does this teaching have upon how we send out missionaries? What application does this have upon how we function as a church body?
- * As a local body of believers, how do we confess Christ? What are ways in which we shy away from that confession? Are there ways that we can improve?