

Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵ JESUS went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When HE saw the crowds, HE had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then HE said to HIS disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the LORD of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into HIS harvest field.

¹ HE called HIS twelve disciples to HIM and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed HIM.

⁵ These twelve JESUS sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

Memory Verse: Matthew 9:36

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 9:35-10:8

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TELLING THE TRUTH, TWICE!

HOW WE GET THIS LESSON

THE FIRST TRUTH OF THIS GOSPEL

The Situation of the People

A Connection to Others

THE SECOND TRUTH OF THIS GOSPEL

GOD’S Response to Our Situation

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY

Getting Started

- 1) What was your attitude/mind-set when you entered worship this week? What was it when you left worship? What most contributed to that change?

- 2) What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain.

Into the Bible

- 3) Read Exodus 19:2-8a. What role does Moses play in relationship to GOD and the people? What message does GOD give to the people? What promise does GOD give? How do the people respond to this message?

- 4) Read Romans 5:1-8. How are "justification from sin" and "peace with GOD" related? Why can we rejoice in suffering? Of what hope does Paul speak here? What does Paul say is amazing about CHRIST'S death on the cross?

- 5) Read Matthew 9:35-10:8. Why does JESUS feel such great compassion for the people? What two images does JESUS use to describe those who have been distanced from the love of GOD? What is JESUS' plan for sharing the good news with these people?

Application to Life

- 6) When have you felt "like a sheep without a shepherd"? How did JESUS reach you with the good news of GOD'S love for you? When have you been able to share that message with someone else who felt lost or hopeless?

- 7) What makes you feel "harassed and helpless?" What messages of the world lead you to feel overwhelmed or lacking? How do these feelings affect your life?

- 8) How does your relationship to CHRIST help you when you feel overwhelmed? How does your connection to this congregation and other Christians support you? What does it mean for you that GOD loves you just as you are?

- 9) What do you sense God is saying to you based on this study?