

Serving the King **Matthew 9:35-10:42**

I. The Need – 9:35-38

1. Jesus continued His ministry – 35
In both cities and villages
Teaching in the synagogues
Preaching the gospel of the kingdom
Healing various illnesses & diseases
2. He had compassion on the multitudes – 36
They fainted under burden of sin's curse
Were scattered as sheep with no shepherd
3. The harvest truly is plenteous – 37-38
Pray for more laborers in the harvest

II. The Call – 10:1-4

1. Jesus called 12 disciples to go – 10:1
Began with those closest to Him
12 disciples became "apostles" (sent ones)
2. He equipped them with His power
Power to cast out demons
Power to heal all illnesses & diseases
3. The 12 are listed by name – 2-4
The Lord takes note of His servants

III. The Commission – 10:5-8

1. Don't go to Gentiles or Samaritans – 5
That will come later but not yet
2. Go to the lost in Israel – 6
They must hear the message first
3. Tell them the Kingdom is near - 7
This is in fulfillment of God's promise
Access into Kingdom by faith in Christ
4. Use signs to confirm the message - 8
God's power will validate the message

IV. The Compensation – 10:9-15

1. Don't take a lot of baggage – 9-10
Such as extra money, clothes or shoes
God will provide for His servants
2. Accept what God provides – 11-13
It will come from different hosts - 11
Don't look for something better - 11
Bless those who willingly provide – 12-13
3. If they don't respond, move on – 14-15
Shake dust off your feet & move on
God will judge those who reject His Word

V. The Conflict – 10:16-23

1. Satan's forces oppose Good News – 16
You will be like sheep among wolves

- Be wise as serpents – harmless as doves
2. These forces work through men – 17
Expect to face their opposition
3. They will use public forums – 17-18
Councils, synagogues, governors, kings
Secular and religious persecution
4. God's Spirit will help you speak – 19-20
Don't worry but rely on God's Spirit
5. Opposition even from family – 21
Persecution may even result in death
6. Hated because of Christ – 22
Endure for deliverance will come
7. Continue to proclaim Christ - 23
It may mean moving to another place
Keep going until Christ returns

VI. The Counsel – 10:24-36

1. Opposition is really aimed at Christ – 24-25
If they oppose Him they will oppose us
2. Truth will ultimately prevail – 26-27
Proclaim the Word He gives to us
3. Don't fear, persecution is limited – 28-31
It is limited to physical, can't touch the soul
God cares for you and your needs
4. There are eternal implications – 32-33
When we confess or deny Jesus Christ
5. Faith in Christ can be divisive – 34-36
Even within families

VII. The Challenge – 10:37-42

1. Love for Christ is a priority – 37
Challenge to Peter in John 21:15-17
2. Willing to endure suffering – 38
Take up your cross and follow Christ
3. Serving Christ is our life purpose – 39
We find our life by losing it in Him
4. You serve as His representative - 40
"Those who receive you receive me"
Just as "those who receive me receive the Father"
5. Serving Christ has eternal reward – 41-42
Even the smallest service will be rewarded