

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.
- * During the past month, we have considered the authenticity of Jesus' authority through the display of His power over disease, nature, demons, sin, death and handicaps.
- * Today, we begin to consider the extension of His ministry as He commissions His disciples to represent Him and the Kingdom throughout Israel.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE MESSIAH'S C_____ FOR THE MULTITUDE (9:35-38; cf. Acts 10:34-35; 1 Timothy 2:3-4)

II. THE MESSIAH'S C_____ OF THE DISCIPLES (10:1-42)

A. Their A_____ (v. 1-4)

1. TO C_____
2. TO H_____

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

1. THEIR T_____ : (cf. Romans 1:16; Matthew 28:20)
2. THEIR T_____ :
3. THEIR T_____ (v. 8):

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)
2. THE I_____ OF OUR CONFESSION (v. 28-42)
 - a. On O_____ Lives (v. 28-33)
 - b. On O_____ Lives (v. 34-42)
 - i. T_____ (v. 34-37)
 - ii. E_____ (v. 38-42)

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS WHEN YOU SEE A MASS OF PEOPLE?
DO YOU LOOK AT THEM THROUGH THE EYES OF THE MESSIAH ... OR THE WORLD?
- * WHAT FIELD ARE YOU SERVING IN? ARE YOU PRAYING FOR THE LOST?
- * WHAT COMMITMENT DO YOU NEED TO MAKE TO LORD OF THE HARVEST?
- * 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.

- * What is your field? What is the field of our assembly? Do we have a compassion for the lost? How is that evidenced?
- * How do you apply the authorization of the Messiah to our situation and culture? Should our ministry be accompanied by signs and wonders?