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The Mission Mandate

TEXT: Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness... ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. - Matthew 9:35-10:8 NIV

1. The MOTIVATION of our Mission

- Compassion

Matthew 9:36, 14:14, 15:32

- Authority

- Moral Nature - *Matthew 4:11, 5-7, 7:28-29*
- Miracle Nature - *Matthew 8*
- Invincible Nature - *Matthew 16:17-18; Romans 8:35-39; 1 John 4:4, 5:4*
- Sovereign Nature - *Matthew 28:18-19*

2. The MESSAGE of our Mission

*As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’
- Matthew 10:7 NIV*

- “Repent” - *Matthew 4:17, 3:8; Acts 26:20*
- “The Kingdom of Heaven is Near” - *Luke 11:20; Matthew 12:28; Acts 1:8; Matthew 11:12*

3. The MINISTRY of our Mission

*Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.
- Matthew 10:8 NIV*

- **Strength over Weakness** - Matthew 11:28-30; Psalm 103:1-5
- **Life over Death** - Ephesians 2:1-5; Colossians 2:13
- **Cleansing over Pollution** - 2 Chronicles 26:21; Psalm 51:2-10
- **Victory over Bondage** - Colossians 2:14-15

4. The MANNER of our Mission

...Freely you have received; freely give. - Matthew 10:8 NIV

My Next Step This Week...

- Memorize *Matthew 10:8*.
- Give consistent financial support to a Crosswind Mission Field.
- Pray for each of our missionary teams once a week.
- Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.

Walk The Talk

A Growth Group Guide

Read - Matthew 10:1-42

1. Have you ever hitchhiked your way across the country? If you had to go on an adventure, what would it look like? Who would you want to take with you?
2. How does chapter 10 become a natural outflow of chapter 8-9, especially regarding what Jesus saw at the end of chapter 9 and what he prayed for?
3. Which of the four main points above got your attention the most? Why? What challenged you to make a change to be on-mission for God?
4. Why do you think Jesus prepared them for handling the reception, or lack of reception, from the people they visited in the towns? What do you think he meant to say in Matthew 10:16? How would that look today?
5. Why is the message in verses 37-39 so radical?
6. How has this study helped you to talk more openly about your faith to strangers? What does the paradox in verse 39 mean to you? How can you lose yourself for Christ this week?