

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

March 15, 2026 – Sent by the King: Ordinary Men – To the Lost Sheep

Main Passage: Matthew 10:5-20

Main Idea:

God is building His Kingdom, and believers are called to participate by seeking the lost sheep that God is already drawing to Himself. Evangelism is not about ability, but availability.

I. The Kingdom Project

- Jesus begins preparing His disciples for ministry by giving them instructions for participating in God’s Kingdom work.
- The Bible presents the Kingdom of God as the central storyline of Scripture— from Genesis to Revelation.
- God’s plan is to redeem fallen humanity and restore them to His Kingdom rule.

Four Stages of the Kingdom

1. **The Promise** – The Kingdom promised to Abraham and his descendants (*Genesis 12:3; Hebrews 11:10*)
 2. **The Proposal** – The Kingdom offered through the Messiah at His first coming (*Matthew 4:17*)
 3. **The Program** – The Church Age, inviting citizens to the coming Kingdom (*Matthew 28:19–20*)
 4. **The Physical Kingdom** – Christ’s future reign on earth (*Revelation 11:15; Revelation 20:4; Revelation 21:1–3*)
- Today we live in **Stage 3**—the time when believers invite people to become citizens of the coming Kingdom.

II. The Kingdom Assignment

In Matthew 10, Jesus provides instructions for Kingdom ministry.

Six Instructions for Kingdom Workers

1. **Know Your Objective** (*Matthew 10:5-6*)
 2. **Know Your Message** (*Matthew 10:7*)
 3. **Know Your Method** (*Matthew 10:8-12*)
 4. **Expect Different Responses** (*Matthew 10:13-15*)
 5. **Carry the Right Attitude** (*Matthew 10:16*)
 6. **Understand the Cost** (*Matthew 10:17-20*)
- Today, we focus on the first instruction.

III. Step 1: Know Your Objective (*Matthew 10:6*)

“Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

- Jesus instructs the apostles to begin their mission among the Jewish people.

Why Start with Israel?

1. **God's covenant promises were given to Israel. (*Genesis 12:3*)**
 - Through Abraham, God promised all nations would ultimately be blessed.
2. **The Gospel came to the Jews first – (*Romans 1:16*)**
 - Messiah was promised to Israel, and salvation would come through Him.
 - The mission would eventually extend to the entire world
 - But it began with Israel.

IV. Lost Sheep

- Jesus does not tell the apostles to convert goats into sheep.
- He tells them to find **lost sheep**.

Biblical Picture (*Matthew 25:31–34, 41*)

- **Sheep** – Those who belong to God
- **Goats** – Those who reject Him
- Jesus was sending the apostles to find those whom God was already drawing.

V. The Role of the Evangelist

- Scripture teaches that salvation begins with God (*Hebrews 12:2*)
- Jesus is the “**pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**”
- This means:
 - God prepares hearts.
 - God draws people to Himself.
 - God initiates salvation.
- Our role is simply to proclaim the truth and seek those whom God is calling.

VI. Illustration: The Easter Egg Hunt

- Evangelism is like an Easter egg hunt.
- The Father hides the eggs - The children go out and find them.
- They do not create the eggs - They only search for the ones already there.

In the same way:

- God prepares the hearts - We search for those ready to respond.

VII. Application

1. Are You One of the Sheep?

2. Are You Available?

- God does not require extraordinary ability.
- He is looking for people who will simply say: “Lord, here I am. Send me.”
- God uses ordinary people who are willing to go.

VIII. Key Takeaway

- Evangelism is not about ability - It is about **availability**.
- The Shepherd is still seeking His sheep.
- And the King is still sending workers into the field.