

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 5-11-22
The Mission of the Twelve
Matthew Chapter 10 Part 9

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Jesus came not to bring peace but a sword? Matthew 10:34
 - a) What did He mean? The EFFECT His coming would have.
- 2) Jesus described the EFFECT His coming could have on the family. Matthew 10:35-37
- 3) A challenge toward the priority of love. Matthew 10:37

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Is this statement concerning the cross foreign to you?

2. The cross is life for us: Matthew 10:38-39

a. Will you take, carry your cross?

- 1) Let's begin by recognizing there is an action presented here.
- 2) What is this cross Jesus is speaking of here?
 - a) Is this a burden you must carry?
 - b) When we look at the cross today –
- 3) What is this cross Jesus is speaking of here?
 - a) It's your faith, but the cross identifies what you are willing to do with it.
 - b) Take up these truths because they have changed your life. Live these truths in your new life. Share these truths through your life.
 - c) We do not carry a physical cross today, but we carry the impact of the cross.
- 4) What is this cross Jesus is speaking of here?
 - a) A symbol of death that brought about life.
 - b) "taking up your cross" is recognizing the importance of dying to self. (Paradox Principle)
 - c) Luke 9:57-62 –
 - d) What if taking up your cross and following Jesus meant –

b. Which life are you holding to? Matthew 10:39

- 1) Seems like another paradox, doesn't it?
- 2) Key phrase – "for my sake"
- 3) Jesus contrasts the temporal minded lifestyle and the eternal minded lifestyle.
- 4) To work so hard in the temporal often blinds to the eternal.
- 5) Luke 12:13-21 –
- 6) Remember the truth about the seed? John 12:23-24
- 7) The things of this world are very consuming because we can see them, touch them, and even own them while the things of eternity must be seen, touched, and made personal through faith.

3. One final thought from Jesus to His Disciples: Matthew 10:40-42

a. Some will respond but others will not.

1) Verse 40 – Key word – “receiveth” - speaks of a person to receive, grant access to, to receive hospitality.

2) Verse 41 – we have the prophet and the righteous man.

a) The Bible is strangely silent on this.

b) If they receive you – they receive me – if they receive me – they receive my Father.

3) Some thoughts on the Prophet’s and Righteous man’s rewards.

b. Jesus will see all that they do: Matthew 10:42

1) Do you see the beauty of serving here?

4. Tonight’s Take Away:

a. Do you understand a little better what Jesus meant about taking up your cross and following Him?

b. Which life do you see yourself pursuing?

c. The Servant’s towel -