

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 2-9-22
The Mission of the Twelve
Matthew Chapter 10 Part 5

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) The persecution Jesus speaks of here seems to indicate a future time.
- 2) Some of the observations we noted last time:
 - a) The Spirit of God –
 - b) Stand before governors and kings, Jews and Gentiles.
 - c) Jesus speaks of His return
- 3) Sheep among wolves/ wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) How will some of this persecution take place?

2. The Mission Briefing Continues: Matthew 10:21- 23

a. There will be family conflict over faith: Verse 21

- 1) This describes families who are turning against one another because of one's faith.
- 2) Has this happened before? Barnes Notes on the New Testament –

b. The hatred is “of all men”: Verse 22

- 1) This is a problem that exists throughout the world.
- 2) We know that sin is in the world.
- 3) “he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”
 - a) This is like a promise to believers.
 - b) II Timothy 1:11-12 – “for I know whom I have believed...”

c. Be Ready, you may need to flee to another city: Verse 23

- 1) The word “persecute” – to pursue as one does a fleeing enemy.
- 2) It is believed that persecution will be very prevalent during this time.
- 3) “flee ye into another”
 - a) God can still use moments like this. Acts 8:1-4
- 4) “till the Son of man be come”

3. Encouragement for those who follow Christ: Matthew 10:24 –

a. A follower of Christ needs to understand: Verse 24

- 1) Jesus turns his attention toward the heart and mind of the disciple.
- 2) Verse 25 –
 - a) Does it bother you if someone accuses you something because of your faith?
 - b) That actually may be a good thing because –

3) Verse 26 –

a) “fear them not” – Why?

b) The truth will be made known one day.

c) I Corinthians 4:5

4. Tonight's Take Away:

a. Since we do not know when the Lord is coming then...