

# Sermon Outline NOTES

### I. Jesus Calls and Commissions (Matthew 10:1)

- A. Jesus begins to lead a transition of his ministry (Matthew 9:35-38)
  - 1. Jesus was the primary actor, and the disciples were passive observers (Matthew 9:35-36)
  - 2. Jesus describes the situation and prescribes a response (Matthew 9:37-38)
- B. Multiplying laborers through earnest prayer (Matthew 9:38; Luke 6:12-13)
  - 1. Jesus earnestly prayed for His laborers (Luke 6:12-13)
  - 2. We should earnestly pray for laborers (Matthew 9:38)
  - 3. Jesus chose 12 whom he desired out of many (Luke 6:13; Mark 3:13)
- C. Jesus calls disciples to himself that he may send them out (Mark 3:14-15;Matthew 4:18-22)
- D. Those who are called are commissioned (Matthew 10:1; Mark 3:14-15; Luke 6:13)
  - 1. Every called disciple is simultaneously commissioned
  - 2. Jesus' authority is displayed through both preaching and miracles (Matthew 7:28-29; 8:27; 9:8)
  - 3. Our authority is like that of the disciples: partial (Matthew 28:18), varied (1 Corinthians 12:4-7,11), and derived (Matthew 10:1)

## II. The Unity of the Disciples is in Christ: His Call and Commission (Matthew 10:2-4)

- A. The 12 Disciples are a diverse group of ordinary men
  - 1. Different trades: fishermen and government employees
  - 2. Different perspectives: zealots and tax collectors
  - 3. Unlearned but close to Jesus (Acts 4:13)
- B. We are unified in our common missional call (Matthew 28:18-20)
  - 1. We go and make disciples of diverse peoples by baptizing, teaching, and obeying while trusting God for it all (Matthew 9:27-28)
  - 2. We are united in our common call and common hope (Ephesians 4:1-6)
- III. In Communion, We are Reminded of Our Calling, Commission, and Common Mission (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

## **Sermon Reflections**

1. What was the ministry transition Jesus led in Matthew 10? Why do you think was the purpose for doing so?

2. What role does prayer play in calling and commissioning disciples? Consider the fact that Jesus prescribed prayer to resolve a shortage of ministry workers rather than a campaign to recruit volunteers. How can this shape the way we think about ministry today?

3. What is the relations between Jesus' call and commission? How are they similar, and how are they different?

4. How were the disciples a diverse group of ordinary men? How were they unified? What can we glean from this regarding how we the church?

5. Describe in our own words the common missional call of discipleship. Take a moment to evaluate your own life. Are you fulfilling the missional call of discipleship? If so, how? If not, why not?

6. "Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38)

### **MATTHEW 10:1-4**

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. 2 The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector: James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.