

Mission Impossible (Matthew 9:35-10:15)

Introduction: Mr. Phelps and his 'IM Forces'
Evangelism is the mission of the church

The place of chapter 10 in the greater context of Matthew's Gospel

I. The mission's source (9:35-38)

The compassion of Jesus

We must be motivated by compassion in any ministry we are called to
If we are not, we need to stop and consider how much we are forgiven
True compassion will always lead you to share the Gospel

Repent, get up from your comfortable place, and GO!

II. The mission's staff (10:1-4)

The authority given to them and to us today

Snap shots of the twelve apostles:

Peter and Andrew
James and John
Philip and Bartholomew
Thomas and Matthew
James and Thaddeus
Simon and Judas

III. The mission's specifics (10:5-15)

1. Limit their ministry to the Jewish people
2. Preach as well as heal and cast out demons
3. Travel as simply as possible and take no pay for their Gospel efforts
4. Rely on the benevolence of God's people for housing and hospitality
5. There are severe consequences for those who do not accept them

Application of this detail to our mission today

1. The priority of specifically Jewish evangelism in today's church
2. Gospel ministry is one of grace and to be simply imparted
(not as a means of gain)
3. The needs for Gospel ministry are to be met by the church
4. Rejection of the Gospel message has severe consequences
5. Unless you repent and follow Christ, you will perish