



God Sends Preachers Into the Harvest
Matthew 9:36—10:15

- 1) Mankind is lost in the world, but his hope is in Jesus Christ (9:36-38)
 - a) Our Problem: we are distressed and dispirited—worn out and tired
 - i) We are sick, demon-oppressed, self-serving
 - ii) We are confused by the lies we've been told
 - iii) We are like children without a parent or guardian
 - b) Our Hope: God has compassion on our lost, confused condition
 - c) Our Need: a spiritual revival in our spirits evidenced by prayer
- 2) God selects ordinary people to do extraordinary work (10:1-4)
- 3) The gospel is to the Jew first (10:5-8)
 - a) Christ's under-shepherds have a specific task
 - b) Christ's under-shepherds do what Christ did: preach the kingdom of heaven
- 4) God takes care of His shepherds (10:9-10)
 - a) Pastors are not to concern themselves with money
 - b) Pastors are to be amply supplied by the church (cf. 1 Tim. 5:17-18)
- 5) Those who receive the gospel are blessed; those who reject it are cursed (11-15)
- 6) Observations
 - a) God sends us, equips us, and enables us to speak boldly
 - b) Evangelists represent Christ as "Christians"—little Christs
 - c) God cares for us when we are faithful
 - d) We will encounter some who are receptive to the gospel
 - e) We will encounter many who will reject the gospel
 - f) Some who preach Christ today will fall away
 - g) God's true servants are recognized for what they speak: God's Word
 - h) There is awful judgment for those who reject Christ's emissaries