

What are we doing here?

Matthew 10:24-42

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I. Introduction:

- A. The Big question of life.
- B. Don't polish the brass on a sinking ship.
- C. We have a job to do.

II. Context: The Chiastic structure of Jesus' speech in Chapter 10

- A. Receiving and giving (vs. 5-10)
 - B. "Worthy" statements (vs. 11-15)
 - C. Comparison to animals (vs. 16)
 - D. Speak (vs. 17-20)
 - E. Hated (vs. 21,22)
 - F. The coming of the Son of man (vs. 23)
 - E'. Hated (vs. 24,25)
 - D'. Speak (vs. 26,27)
 - C'. Comparison to animals (vs. 28-32)
 - B'. "Worthy" statements (vs. 33-40)
 - A'. Receiving and giving (vs. 41,42)

III. Fear Not – Matthew 10:26

- Things not to fear: Pharisees, those who can kill the body only and not the soul, whether or not God will care for you, when your plans go wrong, the dark, H.R. Puffinstuff, Death, etc.
- Jesus is more powerful than death - Hebrews 2:14,15
- If God be for us, who can be against us? - Romans 8:31-39
- Lo I am with you always...

IV. Fear This – Matthew 10:28

-Things to fear: God

-I Peter 1:17, Psalm 34, John 14:15, I John 4 :18

-Do not make decisions based on fear but on love.

-The righteous are as bold as a lion. Proverbs 28:1

V. Pick up your electric chair? - Matthew 10:38

-The cross is not an irritating friend or arthritis. Luke 9:23, 14:27

-Put to death – Romans 8:13, Colossians 3:3-10, Proverbs 25:28

-Be a good farmer - Galatians 6:7,8

VI. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord. – Matthew 10:40-42

-giving and receiving – Ephesians 3:11-16

-I'm a pastor, I'm a teacher, I'm a diaper changer? - 1 Cor 15:52-58

VII. What are we doing here?

-Things to do:

-serve the Lord with the gifts and abilities he has given me.

-pick up my cross daily and follow him

-fear the Lord

-do not fear death, man, or any created thing –Ecclesiastes 12:13

-Isaiah 41:10

“Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”