

Matthew 9:35-10:15

Work Instructions

^{9:35}Then Jesus went throughout all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were bewildered and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.” ^{10:1}Jesus called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits so they could cast them out and heal every kind of disease and sickness. ²Now these are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (called Peter), and Andrew his brother; James son of Zebedee and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵Jesus sent out these twelve, instructing them as follows: “Do not go to Gentile regions and do not enter any Samaritan town. ⁶Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near!’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. ⁹Do not take gold, silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for the journey, or an extra tunic, or sandals or staff, for the worker deserves his provisions. ¹¹Whenever you enter a town or village, find out who is worthy there and stay with them until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, give it greetings. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come on it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not welcome you or listen to your message, shake the dust off your feet as you leave that house or that town. ¹⁵I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for the region of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town! (NET)

Eight considerations in our service to God:

1. The _____ to work (v. 36-37)
2. The _____ to work (v. 38)
3. The _____ to work (v. 1)
4. Working in _____ (v. 2-4)
5. _____ to work (v. 5-6)
6. The work to _____ (v. 7-8)
7. The worker’s _____ (v. 9-10)
8. The worker’s _____ (v. 11-15)

Conclusion: