

Sharing Jesus Better
Matthew 9:35-10:16, Pew Bible p. 814
January 1, 2023

I. The Ministry of Jesus (V. 35-39)

- A. Sharing Jesus better requires knowing how lost the world is and caring enough to do something about it.

- B. Sharing Jesus better requires a powerful prayer life.

II. The Calling of the Disciples (V. 1-4)

- A. Sharing Jesus better requires personal discipleship (MAWL¹).
 - 1. Model
 - 2. Assist
 - 3. Watch
 - 4. Leave

III. The Sending of the Disciples (V. 5-16)

- A. Sharing Jesus better requires sharing Jesus.

- B. Sharing Jesus better requires trust in God's sovereignty over both you the sharer and they the hearers.

- C. Sharing Jesus better requires both a humble and wise expectation of opposition.

¹ *Church Planting Thresholds* by Clint Clifton, p. 145

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 9:35-10:16.
2. Have you met a person or a group of people that were so far from God and, it seemed, they had very little means to find Him, as Jesus did in verse 36? How did that make you feel? What did it make you want to do about it?
3. What part of telling people about Jesus is hardest for you? How could Jesus' statement in verse 37 help Christians struggling to share their faith?
4. What is the role of prayer in evangelism, according to verse 38? What is your most intense prayer experience? What can you do to have a vibrant prayer life?
5. What does personal discipleship have to do with evangelism, considering verses 1-4 come right after Jesus' claim that the harvest was ready but the laborers were few?
6. Does sharing Jesus with strangers really work today, as it seemed to work in the first century according to verses 5-6? Have you ever told a stranger about Jesus? How did it go? How can you better share Jesus with strangers?
7. How important is it to be both humble and wise in our evangelism encounters, according to verses 13-16? What is the difference between sharing Jesus as a wolf and sharing Jesus as a sheep, as verse 16 commands?
8. Pray for our church members to be on mission to all people during this Christmas season. Consider coming to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center across the hall from the Choir Room.

Church Bible Reading Plan

2 Kings 9-11

January Memory Verses: 2 Kings 19:15-19

John 7:37-38

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

- PRAYING this week for a new Bible Study we launched for unchurched residents at a nearby apartment complex.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia;
Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West,
Glendale, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Marge D. (salvation for son, Matthew); and Margaret J. (salvation for Tom & Bob)
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Elaine D. (sister); Gary & Betty B. (brother-in-law); Family of Wayne & Twila D.;
Larry & Brenda D. (her sister-in-law); Gertrude A. (granddaughter); Family of John E.;
and Debbie & John P. (her brother)
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Debbie B. (chemo); Mary R. (transplant recovery);
Laura M. (health issues); Stan & Twyla H. (health & other issues); Michelle LaM. (health issues);
Debbie P. (health issues); Ken & Darlene R. (health issues); Don R. (pneumonia and broken
ribs); Carolyn H. (father in hospice); and Ann C.-W. (health issues)
- Others that you are aware of