

Message Notes

Joining Jesus in His Mission
Gospel of Matthew, Part 39
Matthew 10:5-42

A Prayer of Faith, expressing the desire of a desperate heart. . . .
Lord Jesus, I come to you by faith. I realize that because of my sin, I am spiritually dead, unclean, blind, in bondage and lost. I am more sinful and separated from God than I ever before imagined. But I believe that your death on the cross demonstrates your compassion. I am more loved by you than I ever dared hope. Thank you for living the life that I should be living and dying the death that I deserve. By faith, I turn away from myself and my sin toward you. By faith, I receive what I really need, forgiveness of my sins and new life in you. Heal and change my life. Amen.

If you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning, we would love to hear about it. We would like to help you understand what it means to live a new life in Jesus Christ. Please indicate your commitment of faith on our Welcome Tab attached to the worship folder or contact one of our Ministry Staff listed on the back of Life @ Grace.

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Message Outline

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Following Jesus by faith involves receiving, feeling, and sharing the compassion of Jesus. As Jesus calls us to join Him in His mission of proclaiming and living the Gospel, He reminds us of these three realities. . . .

I. RELIANCE . . . because God will PROVIDE

- A. God will provide for our needs. (10:9-10)
- B. God will provide our words. (10:16-20)
- C. God will provide for our future. (10:22)

II. REJECTION . . . but God will be PRESENT

- A. Not received (10:14)
- B. Scourged (10:17)
- C. Betrayed (10:21)
- D. Hated (10:22)
- E. Persecuted (10:23)
- F. Killed (10:28)

God sees: *there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed (10:26)*
God cares: *the very hairs on your head are numbered (10:30)*

III. REWARD . . . for God has PROMISED

- A. We must lose our lives to find our lives.
- B. We must "bear the cross to wear the crown.

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read Matthew 10:5-42 together. How do we know that some of this is “apostle-specific” and relevant to this unique time in redemptive history? How do we know that some of this is timeless and eternally relevant for all who join Jesus in His mission?
2. Where do you see the theme of RELIANCE in this big passage? In which verses? What are words used to express our faith reliance in this passage? What does God promise to provide when we rely on Him? How is fear of men opposed to reliance on God in this passage?
3. Where do you see the theme of REJECTION in this passage? In which verses? What are some expressions of rejection that Jesus tells us to expect when we join Him in his mission? Why does the Gospel stir up rejection? Look at 1 Cor. 1:18-25 for a partial answer.
4. Where do you see the theme of REWARD in this passage? In which verses? What has Jesus promised to do for us in v. 32 if we will confess Him before men? What does it mean to lose your life in v. 39? What does it mean to find your life? What does it mean to carry your cross in v. 38?

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. Personally, what grabbed you in this passage? What spoke to your heart or challenged your faith?
2. Explain and discuss this statement: “Some need to go, others need to stay, but all need to serve in Jesus’ mission of compassion.”
3. How are you relying on God right now in your life? In your ministry or service to others?
4. How have you experienced rejection by identifying with Jesus Christ?
5. Explain and discuss this statement: “We must bear the cross to wear the crown.” What does that mean for us living on the comfortable Central Coast? How do we do that?
6. What is the value of a Growth Group in learning to live this tough passage? Why do we need one another?