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Scripture Passage: Matthew 9:35-10:15 ESV

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹ Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹ And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

"The Missionary Heart of God"

(Matthew 10:1–15)

"The early Christians regarded Jesus not merely as an example for faith but primarily as the object of faith. Christianity from the beginning was a means of getting rid of sin by trust in Jesus of Nazareth" ~ J. Gresham Machen (1881–1937)

We serve a God who _____ and _____.

1. The King's Mission (v. 1).

The apostles participate in the _____ and _____ of Christ's reign.

2. The King's Method (vv. 2–15).

Choosing twelve apostles signals that Jesus is forming a new community that will extend and expand his reign. The church is the _____, _____, and expansion of Israel (Eph. 2:13–22).

The church is _____ (Eph. 2:20; Acts 2:42).

Two observations about the apostles Jesus chose: They are _____; their _____ is in Christ.

Lessons from Jesus' Instruction: As we extend and expand his reign, we:

- Go with _____ (vv. 2–4).
- Start _____ (vv. 5–6).
- Practice a _____ ministry (vv. 7–8a).
- Trust God to _____ (vv. 8b–10).
- Celebrate gospel _____ (vv. 11–13a).
- Prepare for _____ (vv. 13b–15).