



October 25th- Rev Hugh Barlett

Matthew 9:35–38 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.”

Matthew 10:1–15 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.

Christ calls us to proclaim His Kingdom

- Prayer prepares us for Partnership
- Christ’s Authority empowers us
- Teamwork makes the dream work
- Kingdom declaration & demonstration
- Faithful & Fruitful in mission

How does prayer prepare for partnership in Christ’s mission? There is more than one way that this is true!

How is this mission a preparation for Israel to be a light to the nations as was promised in OT? How is this an initiation of God’s judgement on Israel for rejecting Jesus?

The apostolic team reflects the Trinitarian family, the 12 tribes of Israel, and the Church with many members. How have you seen the diversity of team work in unity to accomplish something?

How is the gospel both words and deeds? Then ? Now?



*How do we balance faithfulness and fruitfulness in the work we do? When do keep going?
When do we move on ?*



October 18th: Rev Hugh Barlett

Matthew 9:1–8 And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. ² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” ³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” ⁷ And he rose and went home. ⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Do you know Jesus?... well, He knows you

Christ meets our deepest need:

“Your sins are forgiven”

Christ’s calls us to an informed faith:

“That you may know”

Christ is the Promised Messiah:

“Son of Man”

Christ alone forgives sin:

“Has authority to forgive sins”

Christ assures of forgiveness now:

“On Earth”

- ü *How can we recognize the power of Jesus in our own lives?*
- ü *How can we reverence His authority in our everyday lives?*
- ü *How are these friends who brought the paralytic a portrait of our service to others?*
How does our faith lead to others faith?
- ü *Notice how Jesus reads the thoughts and the heart of both of the men and the scribes.*
How does Christ’s omniscience call us to trust and follow him?
- ü *How does the forgiving grace of God show itself in this story? What does it reveal about the extent of God’s grace in our lives?*
- ü *How does vs 6 teach something about Christ and His kingdom? (notice all the aspects of this verse)*
- ü *Reverence and glory to God – where do you see those in your life?*