

THE JOB IS TOO BIG

June 14, 2020

Romans 5:1-11; Psalm 100; Matthew 9:35-10:15

Jesus said, ““The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...”

WHAT A JOB WE HAVE

- Medical Pandemic
- Social Pandemic
- Political Pandemic

WE CHRISTIANS HEAR JESUS SAY

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18ff

THE JOB FOR THE TWELVE DISCIPLES

“These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand, Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.’” Matthew 10:5ff

JESUS GAVE THE DISCIPLES AUTHORITY

“ 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.”

- Yes, he sent them out two by two.
- Yes, he promised to be with them always...
- BUT, He didn't expect them to do it all by themselves.

THE HOLY SPIRIT PREPARES THE WAY

“ And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 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” Matthew 10:11ff

“Jesus didn't send the disciples out to build the Kingdom. He sent them out to invite one person into the kingdom.” Aj

WHAT DOES THE BIBLICAL WITNESS TELL US?

Saint Peter healed one lame beggar

“But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” Acts 3:6

Deacon Stephen: changed the heart of one person - Saul.

“Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.” Acts 7:58

Deacon Philip, the Evangelist:

Taught the Bible to one Ethiopian official.

“And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” Acts 8:30

The Gathering Prayer for Sunday, June 14th

O Lord, from whom all good proceeds: Grant us the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may always think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.