

**FOLLOW ME | THE WORKERS ARE FEW, BUT...**  
**MATTHEW 9:35-10:15**

A king should be received with greatness and honor, especially a great king. However, in John's Gospel, John wrote a heart wrenching truth about Jesus' time on earth: "11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him." (John 1:11, ESV) Matthew clearly wrote about Jesus's authority, identity, and priorities in the beginning of Matthew 9. Matthew was called by Jesus early in this chapter and he reacted to Christ as a King and therefore followed Him. Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom throughout Israel, even though Israel as a nation would reject Him. Although, many Jews believed, the nation, as a whole, would be set aside during the church age due to their unbelief. This passage speaks about Jesus sending out His apostles to Israel. At the same time there are practical guidelines for us, if we are to follow Him. What do we learn about being disciples of Christ from Matthew 9 and 10?

1. If we are to follow Christ, we must have \_\_\_\_\_  
for the helpless, the harassed, and the "shepherd-less".
2. If we are to follow Christ, we must take Him at His word  
and obey His directive to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
for the harvest.
3. If we are to follow Christ, we must recognize that at  
times, He calls \_\_\_\_\_ like you  
and me, to be an \_\_\_\_\_ to our own prayers.