

Introduction:

Today we will continue looking at *the later Judean/Perean ministry*.

Things we will look at in this lesson:

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01. What must we do before committing to follow Christ?

02. How are we to reach those who are spiritually lost?

Article 1)

Matthew 9:38 Ask the Lord...to send:

(1) This verse expresses one of God's most important spiritual principles about our actions and our part in his plans. Our part in the work is necessary because before God takes action, he usually inspires his people to pray. Only after they have prayed does God respond and finish what he desires to happen. What it means is that God has limited himself, choosing to accomplish his plans through the prayers of his faithful people.

(2) It is clear from the context of this passage (9:35–10:1, 8) that the kind of workers Jesus desires in his kingdom are those who are willing and spiritually prepared to spread his message and teach others what it means to follow Jesus and live according to his purposes.

03. What does the parable of the Good Samaritan emphasize?

Article 2)

The call to love God is a call to love others:

(1) The new heart and life that Christ gives to those who accept him will produce love, mercy and compassion for those who are hurting, troubled and distressed. All Christ's followers are responsible to act on the Holy Spirit's love within them and not to neglect opportunities to demonstrate Christ's compassion.

(2) Those who profess to be Christians yet are unmoved by the needs and suffering of others, prove that they are not really following Christ (vv. 25–28, 31–37; cf. Mt 25:41–46; 1Jn 3:16–20). The greater lesson in this example seems to be that true compassion did not dwell in the heart of the religious leader (the priest), or the ministry associate (the Levite, who was from a family of worship leaders), but a despised enemy. Jesus was speaking of a compassion that knew no national boundaries.

04. What is our most important priority as Christians?

05. How would you define a person's "treasure"?

Article 3)

Luke 12:34 Your treasure...your heart:

(1) If you treasure earthly things, then your heart and affections will be motivated and captivated by such things.

(2) If your treasure is in God's kingdom (i.e., his purposes on earth that will have effect for eternity) and you are motivated by his Word, his presence and your relationship to him, then your heart will be drawn closer to him. As a result, your life will be set on his eternal purposes as you prepare for the Lord's return (vv. 35–40).

06. What does a person's heart represent?
