

Treasure Hunt

- What structuring principle does Matthew use in reporting the sending of the Twelve?
- What practical lesson can we draw from the common use of this pattern?
- What two characteristics of the multitudes captured our Lord's attention?
- What OT passages described this condition of Israel?
- What solution did those passages predict for these problems?
- What difference is there between the Lord's personal consciousness of the problem, and the challenge he gives to his disciples?
- What lesson can we learn from the Lord's timing of his instruction to the disciples on harvesting and shepherding?

4:18-11:30 Preparation of the Disciples

Calling Disciples	4:18-22 the Four		9:36-10:4 the Twelve		11:2-30 Broader Invitation (v. 28)
Summary	4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.		9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.		Mat 11:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.
Detail	ch. 5-7 Content for Teaching		ch. 8-9 Examples of Healing		10:5-42 Exhortations for Preaching

Example of a Literary Form

Return Address

1027 Ferdon Road
Ann Arbor, MI

Inside Address

Mr. John Doe
15 Center St
Ypsilanti, MI

Date

May 28, 2015

Salutation

Dear John,

Body

I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant.

Sincerely,

Complimentary Close



Signature

Van Parunak

Sender's name

PS: And I really mean it!

Postscript(s)

Literary forms in the Bible include: Covenant, Rib (Covenant Lawsuit), Letters, Commissioning, numerous Psalm patterns (Declarative Praise, Descriptive Praise, Imperative, Petition, Victory, ...)

The “Call/Commissioning” Form

Section	Moses, Exodus 3-4	The Disciples, Matt 9-11
Introduction	3:1, Moses is herding sheep	9:35-36, The Lord is ministering and observing “sheep without a shepherd”
Confrontation	3:2-6, God speaks from the burning bush	9:37-10:4, The Lord presents the need and calling the twelve
Commissioning	3:7-10, God sends Moses back to Egypt to deliver the people	10:5-15, The Lord sends the Twelve out to preach and heal
Difficulty/Objection	3:19 Pharaoh will not let you go <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:11 Whom am I? • 3:13 Who are you? • 4:1 They will not believe • 4:10 I am not eloquent 	10:16-23 The Lord promises persecution Note v. 19 “take no thought how or what ye shall speak”
Reassurance	God answers each objection	10:24-42 “Fear not”; promises of reward
Conclusion	4:18-20 Moses prepares to return to Egypt	ch. 11:1, The Lord continues to minister

Harassed and Scattered: Jer 23

1 Woe be unto the pastors that **destroy** and **scatter** the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. 2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have **scattered** my flock, and **driven** them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

No more scattering: 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

No more destroying: 4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

Promised Davidic shepherd-king: 5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Harassed and Scattered: Ezek 34

Harassment: 2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe *be* to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? 3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: *but* ye feed not the flock. 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which* was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with **force** and with **cruelty** have ye ruled them.

Scattering: 5 And they were **scattered**, because *there is* no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was **scattered** upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them*.

No more scattering: 11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, *even* I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are scattered*; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been **scattered** in the cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land,

No more harassment: 13 And I will ... feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

Promised Davidic shepherd-king: 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken *it*.

Harvesting & Shepherding

Harvesting	Preaching	Evangelist
Shepherding	Teaching	Pastor-Teacher

Passover 30

Baptism, Cana, John 1-2

Passover 31

Cleanse temple, John 2

Move to Galilee, Matt 4

Samaria: **“look on the fields”**

Sermon on the Mount, Matt 5-7

Parable of **sower**, Mark 4, Luke 8

Parable of **harvest**, Mark 4

Tabernacles 31

Healing at Bethesda, John 5

“Pray the Lord of the Harvest”: sending the 12,
Mark 6, Luke 9 (Matt 10)

Passover 32

Feed 5000, Matt 14, Mark 6, Luke, 9, John 6)

Send the Seventy, Luke 10

Dedication 32

“I am the **Good Shepherd**” John 10

Parable of the **Good Shepherd**, Luke 15

Passover 33

Crucifixion and resurrection

“Feed my sheep” John 21

Pentecost 33

Matt 28:19-20 Go (**harvest**) and teach (**shepherd**)