

Treasure Hunt

- What difference is there between the Lord's personal consciousness of the problem he detects in 9:36, and the challenge he gives to his disciples in 9:37?
- What lesson can we learn from the Lord's timing of his instruction to the disciples on harvesting and shepherding?
- What approach to evangelism is suggested by Matthew's pairing of the disciples?
- How does this approach differ from what he tells them to do later in ch. 10?
- 10:5 restricts their ministry to the Jews. Does this mean that this chapter does not apply to the book of Acts?
- What is the immediate application of the last half of 10:8?
- How can you explain the differences between the instructions of 10:9-10 and those in Mark and Luke?
- Does Luke 22:35-36 replace these instructions?

The “Call/Commissioning” Form

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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**)

Pairs of Disciples

Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother

Joh 1:35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; 36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! 37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ... 40 One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

James *the son of Zebedee*, and John his brother

John is likely the other of the Baptist's two disciples, and he would have brought his brother

3 Philip, and Bartholomew (Bartholomew is probably Nathanael)

Joh 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Thomas, and Matthew the publican

Note Thomas's empirical bent and tendency to question things (11:16; 14:5; 20:24-29). Was he one of Matthew's colleagues at the tax office?

James *the son of Alphaeus*, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus

Lebbaeus is called "Judas the [son] of James" in Luke 6:16 and Acts 1:13; is James his father?

4 Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him

Simon is called "the Zealot" in Luke 6:15 and Acts 1:13; "Canaanite" reflects the Hebrew term קנא "jealous." Judas may have sympathized with these Jewish Freedom Fighters ("Iscariot" may designate him as a member of the Sicarii).

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But v. 18; 28:19 make disciples of all nations

Approaches:

Temporal? But persecution in vv. 16-23

Dispensational (life of Christ, tribulation, kingdom)? But

Apostles in Acts

Tribulation: Rev 11:10 these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth

Kingdom: Isa 66:19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, *to* Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, *to* Tubal, and Javan, *to* the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

Personal (the Twelve)?

Yes: Gal 2:7 the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me [Paul], as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; 8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

But 28:19; Peter and Cornelius; Thomas to India

Priority:

Act 1:8 ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

10:5 Go not into the way of the Gentiles