WE SHOULD BE MOVED
Text: Matthew 27:27-31, 39-44

Introduction: This is the chapter that deals with the death and crucifixion of the Lord Jesus. In the last days of the Lord's life just before He paid the supreme price for our sins, Jesus suffered greatly on our behalf. He suffered mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. He bore the full weight of our sin load and paid for our sins in full. That is why we can be forgiven and cleansed of our sins when we sin. This should move us to a great service and sacrifice for the Lord.

I. THE SLEEPING SERVANTS
A. The flesh
   1. The disciples went to sleep in the garden where Jesus was in agony for what was about to happen to Him.
   2. In this hour the 3 close disciples to the Lord, went to sleep. This was a physical sleep, but it also reveals how they and we can go to sleep spiritually.
   3. Jesus told the disciples on this occasion the truth about the flesh.

B. The feebleness
   1. Jesus reminds us that the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41
   2. We should remember this because you cannot depend upon the flesh. It is always and will always be weak.
   3. We must depend upon the Lord and the strength He gives to us for His work. II Corinthians 12:9

C. The fear
   1. The Devil will always cause us to be afraid and full of fear.
   2. Fear will shut us down and cause us to not obey the Lord. Everyone of us is afraid of something.
   3. Most of our fears never become real. The Devil plays upon the mind and makes us think of the worst possible thing that can happen.

II. THE FAKE TRIAL OF THE FATHERS
A. The fathers
   1. The Sanhedrin court was the highest court in the Jewish land.
   2. He was tried before this Jewish court and judged worthy of death by the high priest.
   3. These were older men in whom wisdom should have dwelled because of experience and age.

B. The false
   1. The religious people sought false witnesses to condemn Jesus.
   2. They were suppose to represent the truth and righteousness of God.
   3. They sought false witnesses to convict Jesus and they determined to cry out for His death. No two witnesses could agree. By the law something was established by two or three witnesses.

C. The fake trial
   1. This group of people did not want justice or righteous judgment which is what the law demanded.
   2. They hated Jesus and wanted Him to die. Read what Jesus said in John 3:18-20 and you will understand why.
   3. Everything about this trial was fake and a mockery of justice. What made it even worse was it was carried out by religious people.

III. THE BEATING OF THE BLINDED
A. The leaders
   1. Leaders have a great responsibility. As a leader...
you are directing people in life and admonishing them to follow a path.

2. Herod wanted to see Jesus perform some great miracle. He had heard about Him and his desire was selfish.
3. Pilate was a leader who tried to pass the buck and get someone else to pass judgment.

B. The lost
1. The soldiers of Herod and Pilate beat the Lord.
2. Neither leader found anything in the Lord worthy of punishment. Yet their soldiers mocked the Lord and beat him. They slapped Him. They spit on Him. They mocked Him.
3. The very One that gave them life and sustained it was being beaten up by the ones He had created.

C. The loathing
1. They hated Jesus and wanted to put Him out of their sight.
2. The religious community hated Jesus. Religion without redemption has always opposed the Lord and His work.
3. How sad for the religious world and its leaders to cry out for the death of Someone whose works, words, and ways proved Him to be righteous.

IV. THE REJECTION OF THE RELIGIOUS

A. The priests
1. The priests were taken from the tribe of Levi. Aaron and his descendants were to minister in the spiritual realm.
2. These men took part in a holy life. They were to take care of the things of the Lord.
3. They were suppose to be God's representatives on earth. They had become legalists and ceremonial in their lives. They were very wicked.

B. The position
1. As men chosen to minister in the things of the Lord, they had failed miserably.
2. The Lord had set them aside. They were to do the work of the Lord. They were provided for by the people with the offerings.
3. They had a position that was accountable before God. The Lord expected certain things from them.

C. The problem
1. Just being a Jew doesn't save anyone. Just being a Levite doesn't save anyone. Just being a priest doesn't save anyone.
2. Jesus condemned the Scribes and Pharisees very boldly. Matthew 23
3. Religion without redemption will always be a problem.
4. Many churches, preachers, and religious people are approving and condoning ungodly and wicked conduct.
5. Certain religious faiths are allowing homosexuals to be ministers and pastors in their faith. This is an abomination to God.
6. Why do people that are religious people do this? I believe it is because of religion without redemption.

D. The pity
1. Pity the religion that has service without salvation.
2. Pity the religion that has life without love.
3. Pity the religion that has religious life without the Redeemer.
4. Pity the religion that has conduct without character.

JESUS ON DISCIPLESHIP

Introduction:
A. Discipleship Defined: The word discipline is taken from the root word for disciple. As a noun, Disciple means Follower. As a verb it describes a process whereby leaders and teachers produce Followers and Learners. A Disciple of Jesus Christ is a Learner and a Follower of Jesus.
B. Jesus on Discipleship: What did Jesus teach about being one of His Disciples? From Luke chapter nine let's see what Jesus says about true dynamic discipleship and what He taught about being one of His followers.

I. JESUS COMMANDS COMMITTED DISCIPLESHIP - Luke 9:23, "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me".
B. Discipleship to Jesus meant Self-Sacrifice. To the World today, it means Self-Serving.
C. In the following verses, Jesus teaches His truth to three Would-Be-Disciples.

A. The Setting: Jesus has been teaching on Discipleship.
B. The Time: Six months before the cross.
D. The Clarifying Answer: Luke 9:56 "...Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head."
E. One Confused Would-Be Follower.- Jesus was saying, if you follow me, there is no comfortable den or feathered nest promised. If you follow me, you will have no place to lay your head.
F. Jesus Calls us: Not to be a Fan but a Follower,
not one who just gives a Compliment but gives Commitment; not Rashness but Reality.

G. Jesus Corrects this Confused man because he was one who had sentiment without sincerity, Motion without Devotion and Adherence without Perseverance. He is an outspoken man without a broken self-will.

A. Jesus Confronts those who would put conditions on following Him. No one wants to give Jesus a flat refusal, so they put conditions on our Lord's Unconditional Call to follow Him. These next two Would-Be Disciples were trying to offer a sort of conditional discipleship.

B. Jesus Confronts them and all would be followers today who are sinfully inflicted with the "BUT" and "ME FIRST" Syndrome. Nick names for these two could be "Brother Comings But" or "Mr. Me First". Both offer the same Contradiction in terms. You can say "but" and you can say "me first", No one can say it with Lord in the same sentence. "Lord", "but", and "me first" cannot go together without contradiction.

C. Jesus Confronts their statements.
1. Their statements did not seem to be unreasonable at all, "to go and bury my father", "go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house."
2. Jesus calls us from one of the highest duties of man to an even higher duty, the duty to God to follow Jesus.
3. Jesus' answers to them seem hard. Verse 60, "Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God". Verse 62, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."
4. Jesus must be first to be a Disciple, Matthew 6:33.

INVITATION: Jesus calls us to break from the old life and to hurl ourselves into the future in a very decisive way. To unconditionally set each of our feet into the footsteps of Jesus. Have you put conditions on your call from Jesus to Follow Him? Is there a sticking point in your life? You know the "I want to follow Jesus But" or "Let Me First". Make a decisive unconditional commitment to follow Jesus Today. To decide not to decide is to decide! Matthew 12:30, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." This is what Jesus Christ says about Discipleship. Will you hear and heed His message today?

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DEATH, SIMPLY A DOORWAY

Lord, when my labor's ended
And it comes my time to die
Help me gladly let go of life

As I soar home beyond the sky,
Knowing death is simply a door
Through which we all must go
And for those who walk with Jesus
Grief is shut out and left below.
Yes, just letting go of life
Embracing my Saviour and friend
Oh, what glorious anticipation
Oh, what a way for life to end.

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THE GRAND OLD CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

The Grand old Christian soldier
Was tired and ready to go.
He had fought many battles
Against sin down here below.

He studied hard God's wondrous Word,
Preparing his battle plan.
He fought the devil and his crowd,
To save fallen man.

Many battles he had won
Against the devil's foe.
Many times he almost quit,
But God would tell him no.

He would take his Bible in his hand,
Down on his knees, he would pray.
Thy will be done, thy Gracious God,
Keep Satan out of my way.

He helped start many missions,
His labor was not in vain.
He left for us an example,
His battles were fought in Jesus' name.

His earthly battle now is over,
Angels carried his soul away.
What a wonderful experience to meet
His heavenly Father on Father's Day.

"I know its sad for you, my children",
I can almost hear him say.
"But, I'm home now, I've reached that goal
God willed for me today."

"Ah, the beauty of this place,
So peaceful and serene.
No pain and no sorrow,
And I'm with Christ the King."

I know he'd say to his people,
From God don't ever stray.
Keep His will in your life,
You will stand before Him some day.
On the peaceful shores of heaven,
  Our bodies will all be new.
We will sing praises to our Saviour,
  I pray you will be there too.

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June of this year.

I. GOD'S PARDON IS A PARDON THAT WAS
PLANNED IN ETERNITY:
A. What do we mean when we say that God's
pardon was planned in eternity?
  1. We don't mean that God predestined some to
     be saved and some to be lost.
  2. We don't mean that man has no choice.
B. When we say that God's pardon was planned in
eternity past we mean three things:
  1. We mean that God knew beforehand that man
     would sin.
     a. Doesn't mean that God predestined Him to
        sin
  2. We mean that God purposed to send Christ to
die for our sins.
     a. I Peter 1:19-20.
  3. We mean that God purposed to grant a full and
   free pardon to all who would believe on Christ -
   Titus 1:2.

II. GOD'S PARDON IS A PARDON THAT WAS
PROMPTED BY LOVE:
A. What was it that prompted God to even
consider reaching down and saving man?
  1. Was it because of something that man had
     done?
  2. Was it some innate goodness in man that
     pleased God?
  3. Was it that God was thinking of what He would
     get in return?
B. No, it was nothing less than His great love that
prompted Him to send the Lord Jesus Christ
and to reach down and save us.
  1. John 3:16
  2. Romans 5:8.
  3. Ephesians 2:4
C. The thing to me that makes the love of God so
  great and so wonderful is the fact that it is
  unending.
  1. Illus. - "Oh, Love That Will Not Let Me Go."

III. GOD'S PARDON IS A PARDON THAT WAS
PURCHASED BY THE DEATH OF CHRIST:
A. The theme of the entire Bible revolves around
several facts:
  1. Man is a sinner.
  2. The wages of sin is death.
  3. God is a holy and righteous God who must deal
     with sin.
  4. Jesus Christ died as our substitute and paid
     sin's penalty for us thus God can pardon us and
     remain holy and righteous.
B. It doesn't make any difference what you do you
cannot purchase or pay for the pardon that
God offers you today.
  1. Isaiah 53:5-6
  2. Matthew 20:28
  3. I Peter 2:24
  4. I Peter 3:18

IV. GOD'S PARDON IS A PARDON THAT IS SECURED

GOD'S OFFER OF A FULL PARDON
Text: Nehemiah 9:17; Isaiah 55:7, Micah 7:18
Introduction:
A. The word "Pardon" as it's used in the Bible means:
  1. To pass over.
  2. To forgive.
B. So when the Bible speaks of God pardoning our sins
   it means that God passes over them or forgives them.
C. In the verses that we read to you we find 3 things
   about God's pardon:
   1. God is one who will pardon - Micah 7:18.
   2. God is ready to pardon - Nehemiah 9:17.
D. I want to bring you a message entitled, "God's Offer of
   a Full Pardon."
E. In my message there are four things that I want to
mention about the pardon that God offers to you
today:
  1. It's a pardon that was PLANNED in eternity.
  2. It's a pardon that was PROMPTED by love.
  3. It's a pardon that was PURCHASED by the death of
     Christ.
  4. It's a pardon secured by the POWER of God.
BY THE POWER OF GOD:
A. Our pardon is secured by the greatest power in the universe.
   1. There is no power in this universe as great as the power of God.
      a. Satan.
      b. The angels.
      c. Man, in many ways, is powerful.
B. But there is no power in this universe as great as God's and that's the power that secures our pardon.
C. I Peter 1:5

SUMMARY:
A. A pardon must be received.
B. How? - Romans 10:13

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GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH MEMBERS - V
TEXT: II TIMOTHY 4:11

Introduction:
A. The DESIRE of a Christian - to hear the Master say, "well done."
B. The DISCERNMENT of a Christian - to hear his necessities in doing what the Master has said.
C. The DECLARATIONS that we are noticing in these messages are for our help or assistance in becoming focused on some activities which will help us to achieve a status where the Lord will be able to say this to us.
D. The DISCOURSE - GOOD CHURCH MEMBERS ARE - - -

I. VALUABLE - II TIMOTHY 4:11
A. The OVERVIEW of the ministry of the church.
   1. A body with many members.
   2. A body with a function.
B. The OBVIOUS conclusion - no one person can accomplish the total perspective of the Lord's work by themselves.
   1. The erroneous thoughts of some.
      a. We've hired a preacher to take care of the work of the ministry.
      b. This idea is foreign to real Biblical enlightenment.
      c. In fact, in Ephesians, it is stated that he is God's gift to the church for the purpose of equipping the saints for the work of the ministry.

2. No church can go further than its leaders are able to lead.
3. No leaders can go further than the members are willing to follow.

II. VESSELS - II TIMOTHY 2:21 (Honorable - sanctified - clean)
A. DEFINEMENT - a vessel is a container - an agent of some quality.
B. DISCERNMENT.
   2. What does this mean? We are to carry Christ to others.
      a. Through our DECLARATIONS - preach the gospel.
   3. Others are to see Jesus in us.

III. A VOICE FOR GOD!
A. The INSIGHT - This church - each member - is to be a voice for God.
   1. We stand in the gap between God and man.
   1. Sometimes this is not POPULAR.
   2. Sometimes this is not PROFITABLE for us immediately.
   3. Sometimes this is not PLEASURABLE.
   4. But it's needed.
   5. Illus. Dickey Moore's words to another member.

IV. VICTORIOUS - I JOHN 5:4
A. Their intimate walk with Him.
B. Their realistic walk.

V. VIBRANT!
A. POSITIVE
B. POWERFUL - The joy of the Lord is our strength.

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ABIDING IN CHRIST
Text: John 15:1-10

Introduction:
A. God has always expected His people to produce fruit.
   1. Old Testament...Israel...Isaiah 5:1-2.
      a. What God did: "a very fruitful hill," "fenced it," "gathered out the stones," "planted it with the choicest vine," "built a tower in the midst," "made a winepress therein," etc...
      b. What God expected... "that it should bring forth grapes."
      c. What were the results... "brought forth wild sour grapes."
   2. New Testament...us...text.
B. Bearing fruit is included in the Spiritual life.
   1. The Spiritual life should not be measured by what evil it does not practice.
   2. Bearing fruit is also involved.
   3. Fruit is what God looks for.
C. The meaning of "abide."
   1. It means to dwell at one's own house, to maintain
unbroken fellowship.
2. It has the idea of permanence of position, occupying a place as one’s dwelling place, maintaining unbroken communion and fellowship.
3. In this text, it refers to unbroken fellowship with Christ.
4. If we have unbroken fellowship with Christ, we bear fruit.

I. THE ANALOGY...v 1-3
A. The true Vine...v 1a
1. "I Am"
2. Jesus used this form of expression often.
3. "I Am" is emphatic (excludes all others).
4. "True vine" the genuine vine, all that the true vine should be.
B. The Husbandman...v 1b
1. "my Father is the husbandman".
2. He is the vinedresser, gardener, cultivator.
3. Both owner and caretaker.
4. The husbandman tends it, waters it, protects it, cultivates it.
C. The Branches...v 2-3
1. The branches are believers.
2. The position of the branches: "In Me."
   a. a position that cannot be severed.
   b. a position of responsibility and importance.
3. The fruitless branches: "that beareth not fruit he taketh away..."
   a. There are suckers that grow out from the plant but add nothing to its usefulness.
   b. It must be cut away.
4. The fruitful branches: "he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit..."
   a. "purgeth" cleanses, prunes,
   b. The reason: "in order that it may bring forth more fruit...continuously..."
5. The results of pruning...v 3.
   a. "you are cleansed and pruned already because of the Word..."
   b. We can produce more fruit because of the Word.

II. THE ABIDING...v 4-6
A. The Necessity of Abiding...v 4
1. "abide" to remain (pres. imp.) "continually be abiding"
2. The only way to bear fruit is for the branch to be connected to the vine.
3. When the branch is severed...no fruit unless it shares the life of the vine.
4. When we cease to depend upon Christ and have communion with Christ, we cease to produce.
B. The Benefits of Abiding...v 5
2. There is nothing for a broken off branch to do but wither and die.
3. "much fruit" abundant fruit.
C. The Results of Abiding...v 6
1. "if" maybe so, maybe not.
2. We don’t lose our salvation.
3. He is thrown out as a broken off branch and withers.
4. The pruning refers to judgment upon the fruitless...I Corinthians 3:15.

III. THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS...v 7-8
A. Concerning Prayer...v 7
1. Notice to whom the promise is made.
2. What kind of things will this man ask for?
3. Whatever he asks for will be in Christ’s will.
B. Concerning Glory...v 8
1. The Father is honored.
2. This is how my father will be glorified.
3. "So shall ye be my disciple"
   a. And so prove to be my disciples.
   b. And show yourselves to be disciples of mine.

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IN TIMES LIKE THESE (LATTER DAYS)
II TIMOTHY 3:1-5;12-17

INTRODUCTION:
A. Lawlessness is raging! vs1
1. Disrespect for "Civil Rights" of others and "Civil
Authority.
2. Disrespect for "DIVINE LAWS":
   a. The first great command: Luke 10:27, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy HEART, and with all the SOUL, and with all they STRENGTH, and with all the MIND".
   b. The second:
      Matthew 22:39, "And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."
   c. A "NEW" commandment: John 13:34, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Question: Why will people profess to be saved and refuse to LOVE OTHER SAVED??

B. "Humanism" Abounds vs2
1. "Self-esteem" is out of proportion! Romans 12:3, 10, 16.

C. The "good" are despised and persecuted.
   1. v3 "despisers of those that are good."
   2. v12 "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

D. "Deception" and "Seduction" abound! v13
   1. Romans 1:22
   2. Romans 1:28

E. Much "RELIGIOUS FORM" minus the "POWER"

I. IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU NEED "A SAVIOUR"!
   A. Question: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him: " Hebrews 2:3
   B. Another question: ESCAPE WHAT??
      1. The awesome "POWER" & "DOMINION"
         a. Proverbs 5:22, "His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the CORD OF HIS SINS"
      b. THERE IS HELP!
         (1) Salvation by Grace: Ephesians 2:8; Romans 6:14.
         (2) JESUS IN YOU, I John 4:4.
         (3) GOD'S WAY OF ESCAPE, I Corinthians 10:13.
         (4) HOLY SPIRIT, Galatians 5:16.
   2. From the "PENALTY" and "PUNISHMENT" of sins:
      a. Every sin must receive a JUST PAYMENT!
      b. Someone "PAYS" for sins committed!
      c. THAT "SOMEONE" is JESUS for all who receive HIM!
      (1) Galatians 3:13
      (2) Hebrews 9:26b
      (3) Once for All! - Hebrews 10:12,14.
      (4) ADD: I Peter 1:18-19.

II. IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU NEED "A LIGHT"!
   A. As wonderful as the "Christian Experience" is it goes through "Valleys of Shadows." Psalm 23:4
   B. It takes one through "WOLF COUNTRY", Luke 10:3; Matt. 10:16
   C. Though we are THE LORD'S SHEEP and live "Off His Pasture" we are NOT SELF-SUFFICIENT LEADERS!
      1. Jeremiah 10:23, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."
      2. Hosea 11:7, "And my people are BENT TO BACKSLIDING from me."

D. God has provided us with THREE GREAT LIGHTS!
   3. JESUS: John 8:12.

III. IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU NEED AN INTERCESSOR!
   A. Hear David pray: "Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me." Psalm 35:1
   B. The Christian Battle is not against flesh and blood but against SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS...DEVIl INSPIRED AND MOTIVATED people. Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES."
   C. Pastor Anderson Morris wrote in his church bulletin for Feb. 5, 1984, "I want the Devil to know that I am aware that he is still around. I also want our people to know that the Devil has not left on a one way trip."
   D. Peter warns...I Peter 5:8.
   E. God has Provided us with "two intercessors!"

IV. IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU NEED A LEADER!
   A. We are taught to pray..."And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...", Matthew 6:13.
   B. Moses pleads..."If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence," Exodus 33:15.
   C. Ezra's Prayer: "...to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for our substance." Ezra 8:21.
D. God has provided "TWO GREAT LEADERS!"
   1. Romans 8:14 - HOLY SPIRIT
   2. John 10:4 - JESUS

V. IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU NEED A "TEACHER!!"
A. Three timely prayers:
   1. Psalm 119:19 - Open mine eyes.
   2. Psalm 119:33 - Teach me, O Lord, the way of
      they statutes
   3. Psalm 119:36 - Incline my heart unto they
      testimonies.

B. God has given us TWO GREAT TEACHERS!!
   1. His Son who taught us His Word.
   2. His Holy Spirit Who teaches us what the SON

VI. IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU NEED "AN EXAMPLE! TO CHALLENGE!!!
A. I Timothy 4:12
B. I Peter 2:21
   1. Jesus is the perfect example of what one
      ought to "BE".
   2. Jesus is the perfect example of what one
      ought to "DO".

VII. IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU NEED A FRIEND!
A. No man liveth or dieth to himself - Romans
   14:11.
B. Proverbs 28:24 - "A man that hath friends
   must shew himself friendly: and there is a
   friend that sticketh closer than a brother."
C. Jesus was not ashamed to call us
   "FRIENDS!!"

VIII. IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU NEED A COMFORTER!
A. God has proved three sources of Comfort!
   3. JESUS: John 14:18.

IX. IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU NEED A LOVER!
A. God loves you!
B. Jesus loves you!
   1. John 15:13
   2. He never quits loving! - John 13:1

YOU NEED THIS JESUS "now" AND FOR THE "future"
EXPERIENCES OF LIFE AND ETERNITY!!!

INTRODUCTION: It is the desire of every Christian to
imitate Jesus Christ. In the first century, disciples
were so called first, because others saw them imitating Christ,
Acts 11:26. The method of how Jesus prepared to do
his harvesting business is found in the gospels.

Jesus knew the most effective way of training others
to do likewise: The word "follow" is used 6 times in
Matthew; "followed" 19 times.
1. To Peter and Andrew, Matthew 4:19.
2. To James and John, Matthew 4:21.
3. To Philipp, John 1:43.

I. THE METHOD JESUS SHOVED US IS
"MODELING". Jesus' model is characterized by
His ministry, v 35.
A. Teaching and Preaching.
B. Meeting Needs.
   1. Example Healing - Matthew:
      a. 9:1-8 (healing of paralytic man) to arise &
         walk
      b. 9:20 (healing of man bleeding) to stop
         bleeding
      c. 9:22 (raising a dead daughter of a ruler) to
         get her back
      d. 9:35 (healing every sickness and every
         disease)
   2. Today's Healing
      a. Physically - James 5:16
      b. Emotionally - "Fainted" v 36
      c. Spiritually - "As sheep having no
         shepherd" v 36 - A shepherd is one who
         takes care of a group of animals.
         (1) John 6:53
         (2) Colossians 2:2

II. THE MINISTRY OF JESUS HAS THREE ASPECTS
A. Observation v 36a
   1. Pay Attention - become aware of,
      experientially come to realize
   2. Open to God's leadership
B. Motivation v 36b
   1. Compassion, II Peter 3:9
   2. Initiating Leadership
   3. Wrong motive - envy, strife, Philippians-17.
   4. Examples of Missionaries who demonstrated
      right motive - love - Eugene Reagan, Ernie
      Lawson, etc.
C. Action v 37-38
   1. Be laborers
   2. Pray for more laborers
      a. Making disciples, Matthew 10
         8:1/scattered saints, apostles leadership
   3. A word of instruction: "Do not fear", Matthew
      10:26,31

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FOLLOWING JESUS
Text: Matthew 9:35-38

Proposition: Every Christian can be a part of the
harvesting business.