

Sermon Outline – June 18, 2017
Jesus Astonishes by Giving Us His Authority
Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

1. What is an astonishing experience you have had?
2. What we encounter when we carefully read the historical accounts of Jesus is someone who was altogether _____.
3. Jesus astonishes by giving us his _____. This is the astonishing way Jesus _____.
4. What is the mission of Jesus?
5. What would appear to be the barrier to Jesus accomplishing his mission?
6. Matthew 9:35 – 10:8
 - **Jesus** went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.
 - When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, **like sheep without a shepherd**.
 - Then Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but **the workers are few**.”
 - Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to **send out workers** into his harvest field.

- **Jesus called** his twelve disciples to him ...

What might some of us be thinking right now?

- ... and **gave them authority** to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.
- These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to **the lost sheep of Israel**.”
- As you go, **proclaim this message**: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’
- Heal the sick, **raise the dead**, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.

7. Why did Jesus lead his mission in this astonishing way?

8. Next Step: *Freely you have received; **freely give**.* Matthew 10:8