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Matthew 9:35-38; Matthew 10:1-10 (NIV) The Workers Are Few

³⁵ 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.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

¹⁰ Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.

⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.

⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

⁹ "Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts—

¹⁰ no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep.



Matthew Reading:

This passage tells us about why, and how, the disciples were sent out by Jesus.

They were sent out because Jesus was moved by the people who came to him. In Jesus' words they were "like sheep without a shepherd".



They had needs which were not being met by the people who were supposed to be helping them. They had no one to show them the way, and no one to care for them when things got tough.

In Australia, some people feel very much like that right now. Some people have no way of meeting their physical needs, whilst others feel that no one can hear them, or understand them.... or that no one cares about them.

So the disciples were called by Jesus to go and meet those needs. They were warned not to take any supplies with them, and to rely on the people they met to have their own needs met.

I guess that meant that a mutual dependency was established. The disciples could meet some of the needs of the people around them, and the disciples, in turn, needed to ask for the food and shelter which they needed to keep going.

It was the perfect formula! People are usually more comfortable asking others for help if they don't seem to be overly confident and self-sufficient. People ask for help when they feel that others will understand, sympathise, and want to help them. Asking someone for help who looks like they have never needed any sort of help is generally a waste of time, as they just don't "get it".

Allowing others to see our vulnerabilities may be the most reliable way we have to making ourselves approachable to those who need support. We won't need to "have it all together", or even to look like we do. We can just be ourselves, and let people know that Jesus is our friend, and gives us the strength to carry on.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 18:1-15

Genesis 21:1-7,

Romans 5:1-8.



"Vulnerability is not winning or losing; it's having the courage to show up and be seen when we have no control over the outcome. Vulnerability is not weakness; it's our greatest measure of courage."

~ Brene Brown

All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honour, duty, mercy, hope. ~ Winston Churchill

11 June ~ Glenda Whitten

17 June ~ Elphie Lang

18 June ~ Heather Budden



.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Marg is now out of hospital, and is recovering well.
- We pray that the "Black Lives Matter" rallies of last weekend do not cause a surge in Covid19 Cases.
- We pray for all former members of our congregation - particularly John and Judy Nowland.
- As our leaders continue to make decisions affecting all Australians, we pray for wisdom and empathy for them.
- We keep Phyll , who is still in hospital, in our prayers.

Meg's Musings

For almost three months now, our movements have been quite restricted. We have had limited opportunity to meet with others, or to travel much further than to the supermarket of our choice. Many of us have forgotten what it is like to have the chance to choose where we would like to go, and who we would like to go with.

Opportunities for meeting up as we have in the past for Memory Lane have been wiped away for the moment. Getting out in the bush to just stop and experience nature have also disappeared.

What have you missed most?

What are you looking forward to doing?

Who do you want to share some time with?

When we can do whatever we want to once more, let's make sure that we find the time to fit in what gives us the greatest joy..... and to thank God that we have the freedom to enjoy it once more.

Blessings from Meg



Psalm 100 (NIV)

- 1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

You have to climb the mountain to appreciate the beauty of the view.~ anon

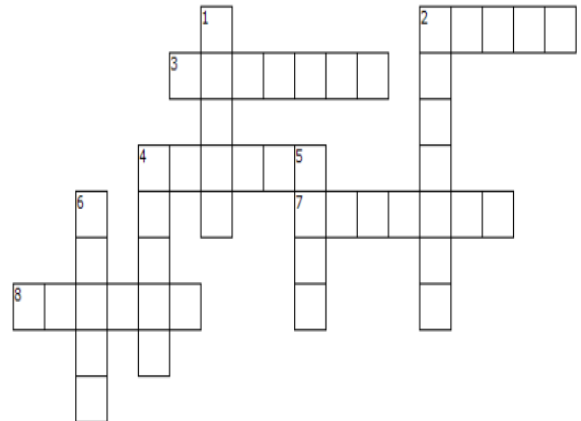
Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Mark 6:8 (NIV)

Based on Mark 6:6-13 (NIV)



Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two. Mark 6:7 (NIV)



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One reason people resist change is because they focus on what they have to give up, instead of what they have to gain.



ACROSS

2. A stick or cane carried as an aid in walking or climbing
3. A trip over a great distance
4. The number of disciples Jesus chose
7. A community where people live that is smaller than a town or city
8. To deliver a sermon; to proclaim the Word of God

DOWN

1. Coins or bills used to buy things
2. Shoes consisting of a bottom part held onto the foot by straps
4. To instruct, train, or give knowledge to others
5. Something that is bad or wrong; wicked
6. A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked

Age stiffens the joints but softens the heart.~ Paige

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Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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