Matthew 9:35 – 10:15

35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in
their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and
healing every disease and every affliction. **36** When he saw the
crowds, he had compassion for 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 laborers are few;
38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out
laborers into his harvest.”

1 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority
over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and
every affliction. **2** The names of the twelve apostles are these: first,
Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of
Zebedee, and John his brother; **3** Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas
and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and
Thaddaeus; **4** Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who
betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among
the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, **6** but go rather to
the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** And proclaim as you go,
saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ **8** Heal the sick, raise the
dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying;
give without pay. **9** Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts,
10 no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for
the laborer deserves his food. **11** And whatever town or village you
enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart.
12 As you enter the house, greet it. **13** And if the house is worthy, let
your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return
to you. **14** And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words,
shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town.
15 Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment
for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

Finding compassion

Not my problem

- My problem is…

- Thank God for Jesus

The King’s mission strategy

- Compassion calls for prayer (9:35-38; Ezekiel 34)

- Jesus’ strike force! (10:1-4)

- The details matter (5-10; 10:18; 28:18-20; Romans 1:16)

- It’s what you do with it (11-15)

Finding compassion

- Talk with God

- To reach out to others