FIELDWORK TRAINING

Matthew 10:1–42

Key Verse: 10:1

1. What great need had Jesus just mentioned? (9:36,37) In light of this, what did he call his disciples to do, and how could they? (10:1) Why the focus on healing? (4:23; 8:16, 17; 9:35) In verse 2, why are they now called “apostles”? Review their names (2–4). Why do you think Jesus chose to train such a diverse group of followers?
2. In their fieldwork training, on whom did he tell them to focus, and why? (5,6; 15:24) How were they to imitate Jesus himself? (7,8; cf. 4:17) What does it mean to preach and heal “freely”? (8b) What should they not take for the journey? (9,10a) How was Jesus training them in this? What did he mean in verse 10b?
3. What was his next instruction? (11) What did Jesus mean by a “worthy person”? (40a) According to Jesus, why should they stay in or leave someone’s house? (12–15) How was he training them in this, too? What mindset did he want them to have? (16) How did he describe their persecution? (17,18) How did he tell them to prepare for it? (19,20)
4. How else did he describe their persecution? (21,22a) When persecuted, what should we do, and why? (22b) Why should we sometimes flee? (23a) How does persecution make us more like Jesus? (24,25) How often does he say “do not be afraid”? (26–31) What does he say to help us overcome our fears? What is his solemn warning? (32,33)
5. What is the “sword” Jesus came to bring? (34–39) In such an environment, what does it mean to be “worthy” of Jesus? (37–39) What does he say about welcoming? (40) About rewards? (41,42) Why do they and we need to know this?
6. Review in this chapter the lessons Jesus wants his disciples to learn through fieldwork training. Why is such spiritual training so important in order to be effective workers in God’s harvest field?