

# FOUNDATION STONES FOR KINGDOM MISSION

*Matthew 9:35-10:4*

I. Foundation Stone #1: Christ-like *pitying*

II. Foundation Stone #2: Christ-like *pleading*

III. Foundation Stone #3: Christ-like *proclaiming*

## QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why are foundations so important? As Jesus sends forth his disciples on mission, what three foundation stones does our text show must undergird their ministry?
2. Why did Pastor Nick say that a healthy gut is vital for the church's mission? What do our intestines have to do with our mission?
3. How could the Jewish crowds be without a shepherd when they had so many religious leaders?
4. What did Jesus command His disciples (and by implication us) to pray for? Why?
5. Read Luke 6:12-13. How does Jesus exemplify what He commands His disciples to do in our text?
6. What does the term *apostle* mean? Why would Jesus choose twelve? What did He give them authority to do? Do we have apostles today? If not, how does this text apply to us?

## QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How healthy is my spiritual microbiome in light of Christ's? How could I grow to cultivate bowels of compassion toward sinners and sufferers?
2. Do I pray regularly for laborers and for open doors for gospel ministry?
3. How are we doing as a church when it comes to each of these foundation stones? Where do we most need to strengthen our missional foundation, and how might we do that?