

## **King and Messiah Week 16**

### **Read Matthew 9:35-10:42**

What does it mean to have compassion for the crowds?

In what ways are people today harassed, helpless, and like sheep without a shepherd?

What keeps us from truly seeing and having compassion for the vast number of people who need Christ in our area?

(v. 9:37-38) Why do you think Jesus' first direction is to pray and not act? Examine Paul's prayer for the church in Philippians 1:9-11. What stands out to you about this prayer?

Who ends up being the answer to the prayer for workers?

Starting in verse 16, what does Jesus teach about the persecution of believers?

### **Read 2 Corinthians 4**

What do you learn about persecution from these verses? What encouragement do they give to someone encountering persecution?

(Matthew 9:38) What impression comes to mind when you read this verse? In our context, what does it look like to take up your cross on a daily basis?

How does Jesus encourage his disciples in Chapter 10? What promises does he give them as they encounter persecution and hardship?

How do you reconcile Matthew 10:34 with Jesus' title of Prince of Peace?

What parts of the Sermon on the Mount would help the disciples or encourage them as they receive Jesus' commission to go?

What is one application you can make after studying this text?

**Other observations/questions/reflections on the text:**