



# ***ON A MISSION FROM GOD:*** **Claiming Our Territory**

Text: **Matthew 9:35-38**

Introduction: For the past three weeks we have focused our studies on what it means to be on a mission from God. We have talked about the call of God, the confidence we need for the task, the commitment we need, and what it means to truly contribute to the work of the Lord. Now I want us to see what happens when we consciously make a decision to move forward in our mission. What happens when we stake our claim? What did Jesus do? Let's study together....

Discussion:

***I. The Practice of Jesus (v.35)***

- A. Go Out Teaching
- B. Go Out Preaching
- C. Go Out Healing

***II. The Passion of Jesus (v.36)***

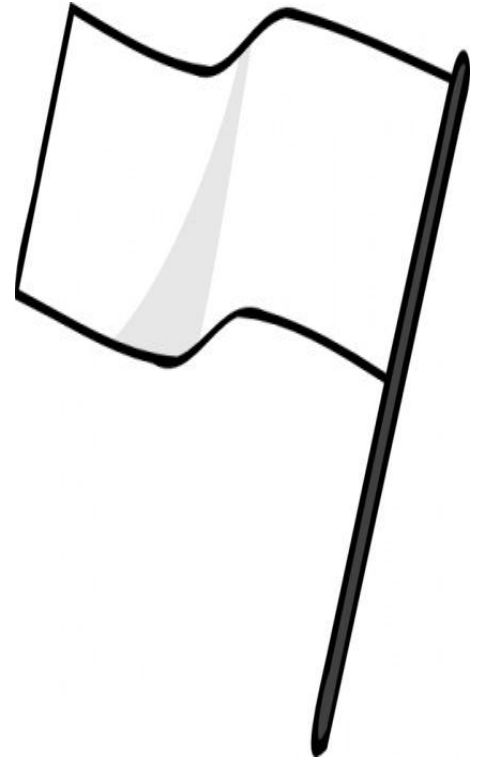
- A. Look at the Hurting
- B. Look at the Helpless
- C. Look at the Hopeless

***III. The Prayer of Jesus (vs.37-38)***

- A. The Harvest Is Ready
- B. The Laborers Are Few
- C. The Lord Can Help

***IV. The Plan of Jesus (v.38)***

- A. Consider What God Wants
- B. Consider What God Sees
- C. Consider What God Knows



Conclusion: We can stake our claim. We can plant our feet. We can claim our territory. What happens if we try to do it alone? What happened in chapter ten? The disciples work together with Jesus to go into the harvest! We have a mission. Where is your mission field? Have you staked your claim? Are you on God's side? Are you on a mission for God?

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