

Non-Negotiables of a Disciple
Part 3- The Work of Jesus through us
Matthew 10

Introduction

- What two non-negotiables of a disciple have we looked at?
 1. The w_____ of Jesus
 2. The w_____ of Jesus
- Today we will look at the third non-negotiable in Matt 10 – the work of Jesus through us
 1. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit yet _____ being.
 2. Jesus is physically in h_____
 3. Jesus is with us through the Holy Spirit who lives i_____ every believer (Matt 28:20; 1 Cor 6:19)
 4. Jesus continues His work through us by the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Tim 2:21)
 - a. We might negotiate our way out of being u_____, like Moses did (Ex 4:10-16). He can just as easily use someone else.
 - b. How Jesus uses us should be non-negotiable.

Jesus saves the lost through those b_____ring His gospel (5-15)

- Jesus commanded His apostles to preach, *The kingdom of God is n_____*. What is the kingdom of God in this context?
 1. The domain in which Jesus reigns as k_____
 2. It is not a physical empire, but a s_____ kingdom (Jn 18:36; Lk 17:21)
- Jesus commanded
 1. The apostles to preach to the l_____ sheep of Israel (v. 5)
 2. The church to bring the gospel to a_____ ethnic groups (Matt 28:19; Acts 1:8)
- An unbeliever is in a kingdom where S_____ reigns as king. When they receive Christ as king, they are transferred to His kingdom (Col 1:13)
 1. There is no other way for a person to be s_____, only through Jesus (Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12)
 2. Whoever c_____ on the name of the LORD (Yahweh) will be saved (Joel 2:32; Rom 10:13)

- This must be a call of f_____ in Christ as LORD or Yahweh (Rom 10:9,12,14a)
- How can an unbeliever have faith in Jesus if they have never h_____ of Him? (Rom 14b)
- How can an unbeliever hear about Jesus unless someone t_____ them? (Rom 14c)
- How can someone tell them about Jesus unless they are s_____? (Rom 14d). Are we not sent? - Matt 28:19; Acts 1:8.

● Therefore, bear the gospel (it's not negotiable)

- As an individual to the lost a_____ you
- With a group to the lost here and a_____

Jesus grows the saved through those d_____ring His teachings (27)

- Jesus commanded His followers (not just the apostles) to proclaim o_____ whatever He teaches them privately (v. 27). This is not for the lost, but for the saved (Matt 28:20).
- Jesus uses His word to g_____ us spiritually
 - Lk 11:28 – Jesus b_____ us through His word.
 - 1Tim 3:16 – Jesus e_____ us through His word to do His work.
 - Matt 7:24 – Jesus makes us w_____ through His word.
 - Matt 4:4 – We learn in His word what God wants us to d_____.
 - Heb 4:12 – He keeps our m_____ in check through His word.
- We must make the following non-negotiable
 - Submit ourselves to l_____ from biblical teachers (Acts 2:42)
 - Discuss God's word on a r_____ basis with other believers (e.g. small groups; informal discussion)
 - E_____ one another to apply God's word whenever we gather together (Heb 10:24,25).

Jesus provides through those s_____ring His resources (42)

- Translations are divided over whether the "disciple" is the one giving the cup of cold water or the one receiving it.
 - NAS – *Whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water...*

2. NIV – If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple.
- C_____ will help us understand (see previous verse)
 1. A literal word-for-word translation of the three situations will help us see the meaning
 - a. *The one who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet*
 - b. *The one who receives a righteous person in the name of a righteous person*
 - c. *Whoever gives one of these little ones a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple.*
 2. Situation a - obviously CANNOT mean that **the one receiving** a prophet is a prophet, but MUST mean that the one receiving a prophet receives that prophet for who he is - a prophet.
 3. Situation b – follows the same pattern as the previous situation and so must mean that the one receiving a righteous person receives him for who he is - a righteous person
 4. Situation c – follows the same pattern as the previous two situations and so must mean the one giving the cold water to the little one does so for who he is – a disciple.
 - Jesus used the term “little ones” as a metaphor for believers (Matt 18:6,14; see also 25:40)
 1. The point is that we give to them in need because they are a d_____.
 2. Our f_____ demands this response (James 2:15)
 3. What we g_____ is not ours but the L_____’s (Ps 24:1)
 4. God gives us things so that we can be g_____ and ready to s_____ them with others (1 Tim 6:17,18; Eph 4:28)
 - Those who share with those in need will never lose their reward - this must mean the reward is e_____

Conclusion

There is a reward each time you allow Jesus to use you. See to it that no one receives the reward that was meant for you! (Rev 3:11)

1. Let Jesus use you to give s_____ to the lost.
2. Let Jesus use you to spiritually g_____ believers.
3. Let Jesus use you to provide for believers in n_____.