

Bruner: "The Christian life is not first of all lived in the glow of a wonderful experience; it is lived more soberly first of all in simple obedience to Jesus' commanding Words."

II. Absolute Lord of the Harvest (32-34)

- A. Jesus is more than capable of giving speech to His disciples.

- B. If the harvest is up to us, it will be limited to human ability and capacity.

III. Ask the Lord of the Harvest (35-38)

- A. Jesus was on a mission!
 - i. Where does he go?

 - ii. The church is a mission.
 - a) It is a mission field.

 - b) The church is the penultimate end, or goal, of mission.

 - iii. Jesus' mission was to bring the rule of God's peace, shalom, to the whole person by Spirit empowered means.

- B. Why does mission exist?
 - i. Because Jesus is filled with compassion.

 - ii. To compassionately care for God's sheep that are wandering the earth lost, harassed, and troubled.

- C. The Need of Mission
 - i. The Sheep getting a Shepherd.
 - a) Numbers 27:15-18

 - b) 1 Kings 22:17

 - c) Ezekiel 34:4-6

 - d) Zechariah 10:1-4

- ii. Jesus says, "Ask therefore the Lord of the Harvest!"