

## Word-Share-Prayer

READ: Matthew 9:35-10:5a

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. 2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "NRSV

REFLECT: This text is one of the clearest descriptions of the Jesus' ministry and how Jesus developed disciples for that ministry.

What key ideas do you see, is the Spirit bringing to mind? Underline in the text above or jot ideas below:

RESPOND: Name one specific way your insights may modify your ministry (thinking, priorities, practices) as one of Christ's disciples.

How might your congregation, our presbytery adapt our thinking, priorities, practices?

REQUEST: Jot down prayer requests that you and others may have.