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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
July 2, 2023



Devotional Christian

Matthew 10:40-42

This passage indicates two truths. First, it indicates that the disciples are not acting on their own behalf when they proclaim the Gospel or perform miracles. They are acting on behalf of the Messiah. It is not their kingdom they are proclaiming. It is God's. Second, it indicates that just as they are acting in obedience to Jesus, Jesus is acting in obedience to the Father.

Matthew, of course, is not only recalling Jesus' instructions to his first disciples; he is also speaking to his own community of disciples a few generations later. There is still a need to send missionaries out beyond the community into a perilous world. And those sent will still need to depend on the hospitality of others. Jesus says of those who enact such hospitality, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

Jesus also says that anyone who does good will be rewarded. The word "reward" carries connotations of something earned. The prophet's reward is an inheritance. And an inheritance is a pure gift. Those who welcome and care for the needs of "little ones" welcome and care for Jesus himself. To receive Jesus is to receive the one who sent him, and to become heirs to all that the Father has to give.

Prayer

Dear Lord, let us never lose sight of our privileges and let us never grow weary of doing the right thing. Amen.

July 16
6pm



Ice Cream Social

Here's the scoop! The council would like you to join them for an ice cream social!

ICE CREAM!

SNACKS!

GAMES!

July 16th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

Giving in Review

As of May 31, 2023

Income Received YTD	\$125,876.20
Actual Expenses YTD	\$135,946.11
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$136,875.00

