

## **WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE Matt.10:24-39 *Follow Jesus' Call* 7-9-17**

Why are some people not interested in following Jesus?

Why does Jesus tell us ahead of time?

### **1. WHY HOSTILTY FOR LOVE**

#### **\* What You Can Expect**

~ Not everyone will like grace or Jesus or you! Jesus comes to divide.

~ You will be treated just like Jesus. So trust what God is doing!

#### **\* Why Is Jesus Rejected By Many?**

~ B/c we don't represent him well?

~ Jesus envisions the Church at its best!

Something close to the gospel doesn't sit well **with** many.

### **2. WHAT'S SO HARD TO ACCEPT?**

#### **\* What Lies Behind the Gospel**

~ What's the rub? Imagine saying "NO" to grace & love?

~ To receive Jesus, you need to admit that something is wrong w/ you.

~ What's behind gospel that's hard to accept? I must surrender.

#### **\* What Should We Do?**

~ Thankful we're on Jesus' team

~ Don't be afraid! Be bold! Let the Word speak for itself!

~ Move on to more receptive people.

**See Pg. 2 for more reflections on Jesus' Realist Call To Witness**

## ***Jesus' Realist Call To Witness***

Read & reflect together on the Word as a family throughout the week.

### **Matthew 5:10-12; 7:13-14      Persecuted; Many God Wide**

1. What does Jesus say about those who endure resistance to him?
2. Jesus describes 2 ways of life. Which way do most people choose?

### **Matthew 8:18-22                  Excuses to Not Follow Jesus**

1. Why does Jesus tell us about excuses to do life your way?
2. What kind of excuses have you heard for not following Jesus?

### **Matthew 21:33-46                  Parable of the Tenants**

1. What does this story tell us about how Jesus was treated in ministry?
2. How does the story relate to how we may be treated for following Jesus?

### **Acts 8:1-8                          Church Faces Persecution**

1. What is the result of persecution for the Jerusalem church?
2. What is the result for the gospel?

### **Acts 13:42-52                  Paul's Transition in Witness**

1. What caused Paul to move to the Gentiles?
2. What 2 results came from this transition?

### **Acts 18:5-11                      Paul Assured in Corinth**

1. How does Jesus' assurance to Paul encourage him in difficult times?
2. What does this tell us about how Jesus cares for us as witnesses?

### **Acts 28:23-31                  Paul Continues Witnessing in Prison**

1. How does Paul describe unbelieving resistance to the gospel?
2. So why does he continue witnessing so boldly?