

## ON - MATTHEW 10:7-8

Are you on or off? In your Christian life, which are you?  
The gospel of Matthew records Jesus talking *about & to* “His people”.  
Chapter 10 includes His *marching orders* to us.  
Verses 7-8 establish a *mission mentality*.

**10:7 – O = \_\_\_\_\_**

We have *vast* spiritual opportunity.

*This opportunity is most striking in society.* We have multiple generations of people who don’t know much about the Lord, who haven’t had much experience with the Bible. It’s rich; it’s ripe.

The chapters that lead into this identify *lost souls* (Matthew 8-9), people suffering from disease, from depression, from demons.

The verses that lead into this identify *our response* (9:37-38)

“*As you go*” – It assumes we’re on the move, looking for opportunity.

“*preach*” - Herald the good news. We have a strong & sweet message.

“*The kingdom of heaven is at hand*” – There’s a better way & day.

It’s dark. Show light. (Philippians 2:15, Matthew 5:16)

They’re angry. Show peace. (John 16:33)

They’re tired. Show rest. (Matthew 11:28-30)

They’re discouraged. Show hope. (Titus 1:2, 2:13, 3:7)

They recognize hate. Show love. (John 13:34-35)

**10:8 – N = \_\_\_\_\_**

*This need is most striking in the original: “Heal; raise; cleanse; cast”.*

See the need; meet the need - via compassion, prayer, action.

We’re *surrounded* by need. People in need often have more openness.

They can find things in Him and in you that they don’t really find anywhere else: true compassion, legitimate hope, strong faith.

Ask God to direct you to a person or situation you can help.

“*Freely you have received; freely give*”

10:8-10 – Travel light. Stay single-minded. (6:24)

Are you on? If you’re saved, it’s not a power outage; it’s a \_\_\_\_\_.

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