Matthew ch 9-11

Ch 9

Theme – Jesus honors the request to leave; Jesus heals the lame man at Peter's house; Matthew is called to follow Jesus; Jesus attends a "farewell" dinner for Matthew at Matthew's house & the Pharisees are offended; Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 ("I desire mercy/ compassion, not sacrifice"); Jesus is asked why His disciples don't fast; Jesus came to pour "new wine into new wineskins" (v17); Jairus asks Jesus to heal his daughter; woman with the issue of blood; Jesus raise's Jairus's daughter from the dead; Jesus heals two blind men; Jesus casts out the demon from a mute, possessed man; the crowds are amazed but the Pharisees accuse Jesus of operating by the power of Satan; Jesus goes through all the cities & villages (everywhere the disciples will be sent in Matt 10:6); seeing the conditions of all of the people, the Lord's heart is moved with compassion for they were like "sheep without a shepherd" (v36); Jesus exhorts the disciples to pray that the "Lord of the harvest" would send workers into the fields (V37-38)

Ch 10

Theme – the Twelve are called & charged with authority; list of the Twelve disciples; disciples sent on 1st Mission trip; mission trip instructions (to Israel only); trust God to provide (faith-building); do not seek to advance your own position; how to respond if/if not they are received & accepted; will be persecuted by men (sheep among wolves); do not worry, the Holy Spirit will give you the words to speak when you need to speak them (v19-20); will be hated by those closest to us because of Jesus, but endure anyway (v22); what it means to be a disciple (follow after Jesus & be like Him); God will reveal

Himself through the disciples; God loves & cares for us (more valuable than many sparrows – v30-31); Jesus will confess those who confess Him; the Gospel will divide those who hear it; we must love Jesus more than anyone or anything; rewards for receiving Jesus & receiving those whom Jesus sent	
Ch 11	
Theme – John the Baptizer struggles with doubt; Jesus speaks highly of JTB; the did not receive the ministry of JTB or the Lord; woe to the three cities of the "Evangelical Triangle"; Jesus invites those who are weary & heavy laden to "con Me" (v28-30)	