**Lesson 6**

**Does it Matter: If I spread the Gospel?**

The Gospel of Matthew starts out with the genealogy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Matthew’s Gospel indicates that Jesus is the Messiah that the Jews had been promised. The Gospel of Matthew ends with Jesus proclaiming that He possess all power and authority in both heaven and on earth.

1. Jesus is the Son of David, Son of Abraham.
   1. Matthew 1:1(Matthew 1:1-17 connects Jesus to both David and Abraham)
   2. Davidic promise (2 Samuel 7:12-16)
2. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)
   1. Would these disciples be fully committed to Jesus if He had not appeared before them and had he not spoken to them? How committed would they be in spreading a Gospel that could cost them their lives?
      1. Consider the example we see out of Acts 5:34-39.
         1. People are not willing to die for a cause that they are not fully committed to.
         2. Consider the numerous disciples of Christ who would proclaim the Gospel throughout the world.
            1. Consider what secular history tells us regarding the apostles of Christ.
            2. Hebrews 11
      2. Jesus has spoken to all His disciples through His Word.
         1. Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16
         2. 2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Peter 3:15
   2. So, does it matter if we spread the Gospel? Yes, it does.
      1. We are instructed to make disciples of all nations (baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit)
      2. We are to teach them to observe all things that Christ has commanded.
   3. The parable of the talents; Matthew 25:14-30
3. Consider that even if our abilities are small in our eyes, we should never neglect the opportunities we have to serve.
   1. In Matthew 25:35-40; consider all the small things we can do that require love, that require mercy; things that we can do that provides service for others and that brings honor to God and glorifies Him.
   2. James 1:27
4. The Gospel message has not changed, it is still God’s power of salvation for those who believe; Romans 1:16-17.
5. The work of spreading the Gospel requires faithful servants. Luke 12:41-46, Parable of the faithful and unfaithful servant.