

## 50 Commands of Christ ~ Lesson 5 ~ (Commands #22-25)

### 22. Pray for those who spread the word—*Matthew 9:37-38*.

For whom did Jesus tell his disciples to pray?

Who are the non-Christians in your life? What can you do to help them see their need for Christ?

What barriers stand in the way of people you know listening to the gospel?

### 23. Be as shrewd as serpents—*Matthew 10:16*. (Also see *Romans 16:19*)

Jesus said his apostles should be like two very different animals: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
What does the Bible say are the characteristics of these animals?

Why did Jesus give this command? If Jesus were here talking to us today, do you think he would emphasize this command or downplay it?

Why did Jesus say his followers must be shrewd? That doesn't sound like Jesus.

### 24. Fear God. Do not fear man— *Matthew 10:28*, also *Luke 12:4-5*.

What is the "soul" as mentioned here? (*Psalm 35:9-10*, *Psalm 6:3*)

How does the possibility of persecution make you feel? Realistically, in America today, could you be actually persecuted for your Christian views? How?

Do (or should) we serve God because we are afraid of him?

### 25. Listen to God's voice—*Matthew 11:15*, *13:9*, *13:43*, *Mark 4:23*, *Luke 14:35*, *1 Kings 19:11-13*

Jesus often gave this simple command after telling a \_\_\_\_\_.

What did Jesus mean by this simple command?

Would this command be likely to broaden his audience or make it smaller?

How might the command be expressed today?

How can we be sure to hear God as well as understanding what we hear?