

October 25 Answers

- 1) Jesus ministered in **Perea**, the region of Israel to the east of the Jordan River. As He was passing through the towns and villages, teaching and making His way back toward Jerusalem, someone asked Him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” Jesus’ answer teaches us: 1) we must be actively **striving** to enter the Kingdom. Saving faith is the **attitude** of a lifetime, not merely the act of a moment. Eternal life in Christ is the present possession of those who have a present, **living** faith; 2) the many who “will seek to enter and will not be able” refers to those who witnessed Jesus’ **earthly** ministry and yet did not believe (Luke 13:26). It also refers to the **Jews** throughout history who trusted in their ancestry and law-keeping to be right with God. The Jews were indeed “first” in the sense that they had been chosen from among the nations to be God’s special people. Yet they would find themselves “last” and the **Gentiles** first if they did not repent and put their faith in Jesus.