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#1 Christ shows wisdom in picking His _____ 7a
Don't look for a fight; seek the Father's will in everything

#2 Christ and His men _____ people 7b-8
Be available and faithful to love people

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#3 Christ and His men are _____ for anything 9
Be prepared in ministry for any contingency

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3rd - He prepares for a _____

4th - He prepares for a _____

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#4 Christ is pressured because of His _____ to heal 10

Do all you do in the Spirit's strength and not your own

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#5 Christ is _____ and _____ by His enemies 11

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