

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve - Lesson 1

Matthew 9:35-10:15; Mark 6:6-11; Luke 9:1-5

The disciples had been following Jesus watching and assisting in the mission of preaching the gospel of the kingdom. Now, in their continued training, Jesus will send them out on their first “_____.”

I. The Need and Reaction

“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶ But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with _____ on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as _____ having no shepherd. ³⁷ Then saith he unto his disciples, The _____ truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;” Matthew 9:35-37

The Need – “multitudes”

“as sheep having no shepherd” –

“harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few” –

The Reaction – Jesus – “moved with compassion” –

II. The Prayer and Solution

“_____ ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will _____ forth laborers into his harvest.”
Matthew 9:38

The Prayer – you pray - “Lord of the harvest” –

The Solution – God’s work – “send forth laborers” –

III. The Call and Power

“And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, (“and began to _____ them forth by two and two;” Mark 6:7) (“to _____ the kingdom of God, and” Luke 9:2) he gave them _____ (“and _____” Luke 9:1) against (“all” Luke 9:1) unclean spirits, to _____ them out, and to _____ all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Now the names of the twelve _____ are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and

John his brother; ³ Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.” Matthew 10:1-4

The Call – “twelve disciples”/ “twelve apostles” –

“apostles” –

“send them forth by two and two” –

The Power -

“against unclean spirits” –

“heal all manner of sickness” –

IV. The Recipients and Message

“These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded (Lit. _____) them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: ⁶But go rather to the lost sheep of the _____ of _____. ⁷And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven _____ at hand. ⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the _____, cast out devils: _____ ye have received, _____ give.” Matthew 10:5-8

“lost sheep of the house of Israel” –

“the kingdom of heaven is at hand” –

V. The Urgency and Provisions

“(“And commanded them that they should take _____ for their journey, save a staff only;” Mark 6:8) Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, (“no bread,” Mark 6:8)¹⁰Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, (“But be shod with sandals;” Mark 6:9) nor yet staves:

for the _____ is worthy of his meat. ¹¹And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide _____ ye go thence.” Matthew 10:9-11

“take nothing for their journey” –

“for the workman is worthy of his meat” –

VI. The Blessing or Warning

“And when ye come into an house, salute it. ¹³And if the house be worthy, let your peace (Lit. - _____) come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the _____ of your feet. ¹⁵ Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city.” Matthew 10:12-15

“let your peace come upon it” –

“shake off the dust of your feet” –

Believers Application:

One of the greatest missionary passages is found in Matthew 9:37-38. Many believers have obeyed the call to both pray and go into God’s harvest field. How about you?