

# The First Missionaries

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<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. <sup>9</sup> Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, <sup>10</sup> nor bag for *your* journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

# Sent Out

- Matt. 10:5a – The twelve were sent out and commanded
  - even though they would have probably gone willingly, they weren't asked but
- Matt. 10:5b-6 – Don't go to the Gentiles or Samaritans but only to Israel/Preach the Kingdom of Heaven
  - Could it have been because it was before the death & resurrection?
  - Could it have been because they would have already known the customs of Israel?
  - Tell them about Christ and the fact it's not about following man made rules

# The Rules

- Matt. 10:8 – Heal the sick, cleanse lepers etc..... freely receive/freely give
  - Remove the things that may be holding people back from truly experiencing what is going on around them.
  - Because God gave them all they needed they were not to sell their services
- Matt. 10:9 – Don't carry any money
  - God would provide their every need. (could have been for a reflection point for their future works)
- Matt. 10:10 – Not bag, extra coat or shoes, no staff...a worker is worth their food
  - They were to pack light because they would be rewarded from the people who's lives they change

# Matthew 10:11-13

<sup>11</sup> “Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. <sup>12</sup> And when you go into a household, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

# How To Handle People They Meet

- Matt. 10:11 – Enquire who is worthy and stay with them
  - They were to find a household that would take them in and listen to their message
- Matt. 10:12 – Go in and greet them
  - They were to be gracious and appreciative, showing thanks
- Matt. 10:13 – If worthy/give peace , if not/take it back
  - If they are receptive to the message continue to teach, if they aren't then move on (there are too many people who need to hear that will receive)

## Matthew 10:14-15

<sup>14</sup> And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. <sup>15</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

# How to Leave

- Matt. 10:14 – If they do not receive shake of the dust of your shoes when you leave
  - The people listening had their chance and missed it.
  - Shaking off the dust from the shoe was symbolism for saying there was no trace of them being there
- Matt. 10:15 – It will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah at Judgement Day
  - Not even 10 righteous men were found so they were destroyed.
  - Anyone who rejected the message were to be regarded as a pagan

# Closing Thoughts

1. We are called (commanded) to share the message
2. God will supply us our every need to do the work
3. Even though we want to sometimes we need to move on because so many others need to hear the message (the seed has been planted)
4. It's for God to judge not us

# Questions?

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