



Chapter 10:1-15

- Matt. 10:1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.
- Matt. 10:2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;
- Matt. 10:3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;
- Matt. 10:4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.
- Matt. 10:5 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.
- Matt. 10:6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- Matt. 10:7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
- Matt. 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.
- Matt. 10:9 Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts,
- Matt. 10:10 nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.
- Matt. 10:11 "Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out.
- Matt. 10:12 And when you go into a household, greet it.
- Matt. 10:13 If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.
- Matt. 10:14 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.
- Matt. 10:15 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!

Observations & Discussion

1. At the end of Matthew 9 Jesus said, *“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”* Now compare verses 1-4 above with Luke 6:12-13. Note—Jesus recognized a **need** and sought a **solution**. What does His example teach you about life and service to God?

2. Check out Matthew 16:18. **Who** is ultimately responsible for building the Church (including the harvest of souls)? In view of what Jesus said in Matthew 16:18 why do you think Jesus has invited us (His followers) to join in the work of the harvest?

3. Looking at our text this evening notice how Jesus **equips** His disciples for the work He’s given them. What does this teach you about doing the work that He has called **you** to do & the resources He’s provided to accomplish that work?

4. Compare verses 5-8 above with Matthew 15:24. Why do you think Jesus limited His ministry & that of His disciples to the Jewish people? When does the Lord give the go-ahead to take the Gospel to the whole world?

5. Look at verses 9-10 above—now compare Jesus’ instructions here with what He told the boys in Luke 22:35-36. Why do you think He gave them different instructions and what does that teach you about following Christ?

6. Read verses 11-15 from our text. Jesus tells us that people will respond differently to the message we carry, and that we’re not to get overly worked up about it! How is that an encouragement to you?