

Matthew: Proclaim as You Go

Discussion Guide for Matthew 10:5-15 on August 9 & 10, 2025

Summary

In this sermon, we look at the moment Jesus sends out His 12 disciples for the first time to do ministry on their own. They're given a charge to proclaim the good news and demonstrate the kingdom of God. We'll explore how this ancient mission connects to us today, and what it means to be strategically and intentionally sent out in our modern lives.

Intro Prayer

"Lord Jesus, thank You for calling us to be part of Your kingdom and inviting us into Your mission. As we read and discuss Your Word today, open our hearts to understand our calling and give us courage to live it out. Speak to us through Your Spirit and through one another. Amen."

Ice Breaker

Have you ever been given a big responsibility or mission (serious or funny) that made you nervous or excited? How did you respond to that challenge?

Key Verses

Matthew 10:5-15

Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus limited the disciples' mission to only Jewish people in this moment? What does that teach us about strategic ministry?
2. How does the idea of being "sent" land with you personally? Do you feel like you've been sent anywhere or to anyone by God?
3. Jesus charged His disciples to proclaim the kingdom message. What do you think that message is in your own words? Why is proclaiming (speaking) still important today?
4. Many people feel unqualified to "proclaim" their faith. What are some ways people can still point others to Jesus without having all the answers?
5. Jesus gave His disciples instructions that were culturally relevant and locally strategic. Who are the people in your life (your "harvest field") you feel called to serve or share your faith with?
6. What fears or obstacles do you face when it comes to talking about Jesus or inviting someone into faith conversations?
7. What's one practical way you could live out being "sent" this week—either through invitation, encouragement, or service?

Life Application

Who is someone in your life God might be sending you to? Write their name down and pray for an opportunity to talk with or serve them this week. Consider inviting them to church, Alpha, or just a conversation.

Key Takeaways

1. Jesus sends us out with a mission to share His love and truth.
2. We are called to be intentional about where and how we serve.
3. God can use anyone who is willing, not just those who feel ready.
4. Small, faithful steps can make a big difference in personal life.

Ending Prayer

God, thank You for giving us purpose and a mission. Help us to boldly proclaim the message of Your kingdom. Send us out with courage, compassion, and clarity. Help us serve those in our lives with intentional love and truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.