

## Kingdom Come As You Go (Mt. 9:35 – 10:15)

# TALK IT OVER

### Key Scripture

“35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. 2 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; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. 5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. 9 Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. 11 And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. 15 Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.” – *Matthew 9:35 – 10:15 (ESV)*

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### Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- Describe the first time you set out on your own, away from your childhood home, and parents. What was that like for you? What did you do?
- What kind of authority has been given to you? How do you use it?

### Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Matthew 9:35-10:15. Who is Jesus sending out? What are they supposed to do?
- In Matthew 10:5-6, why do you think they aren’t to go out to the Gentiles? Who are they to go to first? And why?
- What are they to do if they aren’t accepted, according to Matthew 10:13-15? What do you think about that?
- Bonus material: Matthew 11:28 - 12:1.

### Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- How are we to be like the disciples that Jesus sent out? How are we different?
- Have you ever taken a risk and went out of your comfort zone to spread the Gospel? What was that like?
- Do you think the disciples were ready to be sent out and given such authority at this point in Jesus’ Ministry? Are we ever really ready?

### Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- What is something you can do as a disciple of Jesus, big or small?

### Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

### Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What’s a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How’s your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What’s something you’d like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.