



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 10:1-23” on September 20<sup>th</sup>

### CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 9:35-38 affect your week

### DISCOVER: MATTHEW 10:1–23

What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

This we know: Jesus is coming back. Our job is to prepare – to get people ready, to trust in God for provision, power, and protection. The one who endures will be saved. In today’s passage Jesus calls His disciples, instructing them and empowering them to enter the harvest referred to in the final verses of Chapter 9 – the harvest of people!

- Why did Jesus choose these 12 men for His disciples? They weren’t volunteers or trained for the mission ahead – why choose that group of 12?
- Obedience to Jesus’ call was a common factor among this diverse group; how can you apply that to your own life right now, as you are being called by Jesus to step into the harvest?
- Why would Jesus instruct the apostles to not go to the Gentiles or into Samaria?

Today’s passage describes Jesus’ call, His commission, and His equipping of the apostles...

- Summarize from the entire passage what their ministry would look like. Consider Jesus’ specific instructions, motive, description of what they were to expect, warnings, and encouragements.
- What can you draw from these verses to apply to your own life as an apostle ready and willing to be sent forth?

The message of Jesus’ commissioning was “The kingdom of heaven is at hand – get ready! Take action!” Do you say ‘no’ to opportunities to serve kingdom purposes when you feel they are beyond your abilities? Jesus gave the apostles the power and authority they needed, assuring them of His protection and provision.

- Where does your desire and willingness to be an apostle rank in your list of priorities right now?
- Do you believe you have the same kind of power living inside of you that Jesus gave the apostles? Have you tapped into that power? What will you do with that?

### RESPOND

Consider your work, family, pleasures, challenges – how could you make Jesus’ call on your life your FIRST priority?

What fears are obstacles for you in trusting Jesus for provision and protection?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?

### PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

### KEEP READING

Matthew 28:16-20 & Acts 1:1-11 where Jesus gives a commission and calling to all disciples (us).