

“Preparing Ourselves for Rejection”
Mark 6:7-13

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Intro:

Today, Christians will be called radical more and more, and we will be rejected. What wisdom did Jesus share with us to help us prepare for this rejection?

-John 15:18-20

I. Physical Preparations Mk. 6:7-9

- A. Ministering in pairs
 - Eccl. 4:9-12
 - Dt. 19:15
- B. Realization of our authority over the spiritual world
 - 1 John 4:4
 - Eph. 6:12
- C. Deemphasizing material provisions
- D. Application

II. Procedural Preparations Mk. 6:10-11

- A. Expecting hospitality and receptivity
- B. But indicating where there is rejection
 - Acts 13:51
- C. Application
 - Prov. 25:17
 - Prov. 27:14

III. Previous Preparations Mk. 6:12-13

“They ministered in the same way they saw Jesus minister.”

A. Preached repentance

- Matt. 10:5-11
- Luke 9:1-6
- Mark 1:15

B. Cast out demons

C. Healed the sick

- Mark 6:30-33

D. Application

- James 5:14

Conclusion:

Today, in our fallen world, we will be called radical more and more. We will be rejected. Jesus still wants us to go. He tells us to not go it alone, to find a partner. He still is the one in authority in whose Name we can go. He will provide. We can look for windows and doors of opportunity to proclaim the Good News in hope that people will be saved and healed in the power of Jesus name. Pray that we will be prepared for and overcome rejection.

Discussion Questions:

1. What examples have you seen recently of how Christianity or wholesome morals are being rejected in society?
2. What keeps us from sharing with others? Fear of rejection is likely one of them. What other reasons come to mind?
3. Can you share an example of how having someone else involved encouraged you to not give up, give in, or do better?
4. What can you do this week to put into practice something you've seen others do. That's what the disciples did, they ministered in the way they had seen Jesus minister. Maybe you can start doing something you have seen works but have just not taken the step of doing it.
5. Prayer for others is important. The elders are called to pray for the sick. But we all should be praying for one another. Pray that we would be courageous even in spite of knowing we may and will be rejected.