

Bible Study Guide Mark 6:7-13

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1. Jesus' hometown is the story of **belief** and unbelief.
2. You can't **heal** someone who does not want to be healed.
3. God can choose to heal or not heal regardless of **faith**.
4. Jesus demonstrated his great power on both sides of the Sea of Galilee—the eastern **Gentile** side and the western Jewish side.
5. The call of the **Disciples** is sandwiched between two stories of rejected prophets, Jesus and John the Baptist.
6. God will not be stymied even by the **death** of one of his greatest servants, John the Baptist.
7. The stories of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth and John's death demonstrate the power of evil arrayed against God's prophets and give us a hint of what lies ahead for **Jesus**.
8. We cannot expect an evil world to welcome our **witness** for Christ more warmly than it welcomed Christ.
9. Don't think you need a lot of extra equipment for ministry. **You** are the equipment. No special appeals for funds. Keep it simple.
10. The word **Apostle** comes from the word apostellein, which means "sent out."
11. Jesus sends out the twelve two-by-two. This strategy is powerful for **three** reasons; Partners give strength, credibility, and accountability.
12. The emphasis for the disciples on this particular journey is on **preaching**, casting out demons, and healing the sick.
13. Jesus prohibits not only frivolous items, but essential ones as well. His requirements go beyond simplicity to reckless **faith**.
14. Starting a journey without **provisions** is a profound act of faith.
15. The requirement that they carry no money reminds us of the problems that the Israelites experienced when they stole **gold** from the Egyptians in preparation for their journey and instead built a golden calf.

16. Paul's example is helpful at this point. Paul lived simply and endured many **hardships** in the course of his ministry.
17. Jews returning from Gentile lands would shake off **pagan** dust as a gesture of cleansing and contempt.
18. The disciples responsibility is faithful proclamation—not **success**. The Lord provides the yield through the drawing of the Holy Spirit.
19. The disciples go where Christ sends them and do what Christ tells them to do. They are not great men, but they accomplish great things in **Christ's** name.
20. The apostles gathered themselves together to Jesus, and they told him all things, whatever they had done, and whatever they had taught. This is a very **minimal** account of the disciples' report to Jesus, giving no details regarding their difficulties or accomplishments.