
Matthew 10:5-15

As we saw in Matthew 9:36, Jesus is concerned for his people. He is sending out his 12 apostles with authority and a message, and he gives them instructions. Jesus tells them to go to the lost sheep, those without a shepherd. He tells them what to do and say and how to respond to the people's reactions.

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.

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As those who have been found by our Shepherd, we have also been sent to the lost. The day of judgement is coming, let us not grow weary in proclaiming His message.

Discussion Questions

- Jesus had eyes of compassion for the lost sheep. Who are the lost in your life?
- What is the message that Jesus tells them to proclaim? (See Matthew 4:17)
- What is the message that we are to share today? (Acts 16:30-31, Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)
 - How can you incorporate that message into your everyday life?
- Just as Jesus met the physical needs of the people, how can we meet the needs of the lost people in our lives?
 - How might that provide you an opportunity to share the gospel?
- When the gospel message you share is rejected, how will you respond?

D&A (Discipleship & Accountability)

Break up into smaller groups for prayer.

- How is your time with God?
- What are you praying for?
- What are you struggling with?
- Who are you praying for to know Jesus?
- What gospel conversations have you had this week with someone who doesn't follow Jesus?