

# Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

March 8, 2026 – Sent by the King: Ordinary Men – Extraordinary Mission

**Main Passage:** Matthew 10:1-4

## Main Idea:

God accomplishes extraordinary kingdom work through ordinary people who surrender to His calling.

## I. THE MISSION SHIFT

- **Matthew 9:37–38 → Matthew 10:1**
- Jesus' ministry begins to shift:
  - From **demonstrating His power** • To **deploying His followers**
- Israel's rejection of Jesus led to the Gospel being extended to **all people**.
- Jesus: "*The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few.*" (Matt. 9:37)
- The need is not more harvest • The need is **more workers**.

## II. THREE LEVELS OF FOLLOWERS

### 1. Disciples = Followers of Christ

- The largest group.
- A disciple is someone who:
  - Believes in Jesus • Follows His teaching • Shares His message
- **Every believer is called to be a witness for Christ.**

### 2. Apostles — Sent Representatives

- From the many disciples, Jesus chose **twelve men**.
- The word apostle - the Greek word *apostellō*, meaning: "to send."
- An apostle was an official representative of Christ.
- These men were given special authority:
  - Authority over demons • Authority to heal disease
  - Authority to authenticate Christ's message
- This authority was **unique to the apostles**.
- They were personally appointed by Christ and **laid the foundation of the church**.
- The office of apostle did not continue after them, but the mission did.

### 3. The Inner Circle

- Within the twelve were three closest apostles:
  - Peter • James • John
- They would play key roles in leading the early church.

### III. ORDINARY MEN CHOSEN BY GOD

- Jesus did not choose:
  - Religious scholars • Political leaders • Cultural elites
- He chose:
  - Fishermen • A tax collector • Working-class men
- They were ordinary people.
- But they served an extraordinary God.
- God often uses unlikely people to accomplish His purposes.

### IV. THE TWELVE APOSTLES

- Matthew lists the twelve apostles:
  1. **Peter** – Leader among the apostles
  2. **Andrew** – Peter’s brother who first brought him to Jesus
  3. **James (son of Zebedee)** – First apostle martyred
  4. **John** – Author of the Gospel of John and Revelation
  5. **Philip**
  6. **Bartholomew (Nathanael)**
  7. **Thomas** – Often remembered for doubting
  8. **Matthew** – Former tax collector and Gospel writer
  9. **James (son of Alphaeus)**
  10. **Thaddaeus**
  11. **Simon the Zealot**
  12. **Judas Iscariot** – The one who betrayed Jesus
- Some of these men are well known, Others are barely mentioned.
- But all were **chosen and sent by Christ**.

### V. A SOBERING WARNING

- Judas Iscariot was:
  - Chosen • Close to Jesus • Involved in ministry
- Yet he was **never truly transformed**.
- Being near Jesus **is not the same as believing in Jesus**.

### VI. APPLICATION

- If you are saved
  - You are not only **redeemed**.
  - You are **sent**.
- The harvest is still plentiful.
- The workers are still few.
- The question is not:
  - “Am I capable?”
- The question is:
  - **“Will I surrender?”**