



Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel

Matthew 10:5-15

Introduction: We find Jesus sending out the apostles to the lost sheep of the house of _____.

I. Go to the _____ sheep - 10:5-6

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans.

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Do you recall what the word "apostle" means? It means "____ one."

Jesus says,

Scripture tells us that Jesus came unto His _____ (Jews), and we know that they _____ Him (John 1:11).

Do you think that Jesus is concerned for _____ sheep?

Worldwide there are _____ million Jews. _____ live in Israel.

Jesus commanded His apostles to go to the _____ house of Israel. However, later we know that the Gospel went to all people – Jews, Gentiles, and Samaritans (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; 10:34-48; 11:1-18).

II. Go _____ and heal – 10:7-8

7 *And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*

8 *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.*

Freely you have received, freely give.

To preach means to _____ the truth. In this case they were to proclaim: *The kingdom of heaven is at hand*

Next, the apostles were also to “_____”. Remember, Jesus had given them authority over demons, sickness, and disease (Matthew 10:1).

Question: How do we _____ anything from God? _____ !

This is _____: **Unmerited favor.**

Scripture states, “*But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” (Romans 6:23b).

Jesus said to his apostles: *Freely you have received, freely give.*

III. Go and _____ me in the going – 10:9-11

9 *Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, 10 nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.*

The apostles were **to trust the _____** to take care of their daily needs.

Look at what Jesus told them **not to _____ with them** on the “go”:

- No _____ – gold, silver, or copper.
- No bag for their journey.

- No two _____ .
- No sandals.
- No _____ .

What truth is it? It is this: *A worker is worthy of his food.*

- 1 Corinthians 9:14 – 14 *Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.”*
- Galatians 6:6 – 6 *Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.*
- 1 Timothy 5:18 – 18 *For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer is worthy of his wages.”* (See also Deuteronomy 25:4).

VI. Go to those who will _____ you – 10:11-15

11 “Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. 12 And when you go into a household, greet it. 13 If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

The Worthy Ones

Matthew 10:14 - And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake the dust from your feet.

A lack of _____ is a sign of _____ !

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10b).

Finally, what did Jesus tell His apostles about all those who rejected their words? He said,

15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

What could possibly be worse than the _____ of Sodom and Gomorrah by brimstone and fire? What about an eternal _____ ?

Conclusion: As I bring this to a conclusion what are the take home _____ for us as followers of Jesus Christ?

1. As the apostles were sent out, so _____ and _____ have been sent out.
2. We are to go to _____ people and share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. All _____ – Jews, Gentiles, and Samaritans, need to hear about Jesus Christ.
4. _____ and heal and do what you can for others.
5. Go and _____ Him in the going. Where Jesus leads He provides.
6. Trust God to use people to _____ your needs.
7. Be _____ to those who receive you, and those who refuse you, well, just _____ on.
8. _____ for the lost sheep of the house of Israel.