

Matthew 10 – 13 October 2019

“On Mission For Christ Jesus”

Introduction

Matt 5-7 – The teachings of the Kingdom

Matt 8-9 – Jesus’ first healings and one on one compassion toward the people

Now in chapter 10, Jesus sends the 12 to conduct their own mission on His behalf

This chapter demonstrates what is like for each of us to be on mission for Christ.

Today we’ll see 4 keys to knowing you’re on proper mission for Christ.

Section #1 - Vs 1-8

1. Read Vs 1
 - a. 1st key to knowing you're on mission for Christ is that your mission will be authenticated.
 - b. Read vs 8 for what He gave them
 - c. Before sending them out, He gives them a method of authenticating their message for this specific mission.
 - d. We too have been given a method of authenticating our mission.
 - i. Explain what this verification is.
 - ii. Read Heb 1:1-2a
 - e. (Don't be confused) – Authentication that you're a believer is that you love one another.
 - i. Authentication that you're on mission for Christ is that you're message and mission will line up with the Word of God.

2. Read Vs 2-4

- a. 1st here called apostles or “sent ones”.
- b. Stunning how diverse this group of men is.
- c. Read “12 Ordinary Men” by MacArthur.
- d. Notice Judas had best yet still went astray.
 - i. Some people choose to betray God even in the face of easy circumstances.

3. Read Vs 5-7

- a. There specific mission was to tell ALL Israel that the King is here & kingdom is nigh.
- b. This isn’t our commission, ours is different
- c. Missions
 - i. While is the body Jesus’ mission was to Israel first. Read Matt 15:24
 - ii. While during Jesus’ earthly ministry, He sent his disciple to just Israel (Matt 10)
 - iii. After Jesus resurrection, the mission is toward everyone (Read John 10:16)
 - iv. In Holy Spirit’s power, we go to whole world (Act 1:8)

4. Read Vs 8

- a. Again, the authentication of their mission.
- b. Other gospels tell us that this was getting the attention of King Herod.
- c. Our authentication is that what we speak agrees with God's unchanging, written Word.
 - i. Freely we've been given God's Word, freely we should give it back out.
 - ii. Bothers me that there are those who would charge for God's Word.

Section #2 - Vs 9-15

1. Read Vs 9-10

- a. Important to recognize the kind of mission that you're specifically called to.
- b. This was a mission of great compassion to their brethren.
- c. Later Jesus prepared them for a totally different mission (Read Luke 22:35-36)
- d. Know your mission

2. Read Vs 11-15

- a. 2nd key to knowing you're on mission for Christ is that you've brought accountability.
- b. It's our job to offer something, not to change someone.
- c. Every mission from the Lord brings greater accountability to the individual.
- d. Turn to Eze 33:1-7
- e. Read Act 20:26-27
- f. We're accountable to give gospel, but once given, it transfers accountability to them.

Section #3 – Vs 16-33

1. Read Vs 16-18

- a. 3rd key to knowing you're on mission for Christ is that you have awareness of the mission's cost.
- b. People are looking to get you in trouble b/c you're on mission for Christ.
- c. We need to live above reproach.

2. Read Vs 19-20

- a. When a statue filled & fixed with wax is brought under fire, its real character comes out.
- b. When a true golden statue is brought under fire, its real character comes out.
- c. Christianity isn't about who we are, but it's about who He's making us into.

3. Read Vs 21-23

- a. Be aware that there are those gunning for your downfall, but don't have a martyrdom complex.
- b. Flee & move on to next part of the mission.

4. Read Vs 24-31

- a. Although we should be aware that people will persecute us for Christ's sake, don't worry about it...why?
 - i. Vs 26 – They can't lie about you forever. God will reveal the truth.
 - ii. Vs 28 – They can't take your eternal reward
 - iii. Vs 31 – We'll always have value from God

5. Read Vs 32-33

- a. The mission will cost us while here on earth, but the reward coming cannot be taken from us.

Section #4 – Vs 34-42

1. Read Vs 34

- a. Let's have a proper understanding of the Christmas story's peace.
 - i. Read Luke 2:14 – Peace toward men of good will.
 - ii. Read John 16:33 – No peace in world, only in Christ.
- b. 4th key to knowing you're on mission for Christ is that you're accomplishing the mission.
 - i. We've accomplished the mission when we know we've offered a clear decision between accepting Christ and rejecting Him
 - ii. Don't offer the wrong thing.

1. It's not about joining a church
 2. It's not about doing some good deed
 - iii. Don't worry about dividing people based on politics, divide them based on who Jesus is.
2. Read Vs 35-37
 - a. The decision is whether we will make Jesus the most important thing in our lives or not.
 - b. Have you ever told someone, "Jesus is the most important thing in my life"?
 3. Read Vs 38-39
 - a. Have people to understand that they're either all in or all out, there isn't a third option.
 4. Read Vs 40-42
 - a. Even the smallest of good done in Christ's name will not be overlooked by will be rewarded.

Conclusion –

We've seen four keys to knowing that you're on proper mission for Christ.

1. Your mission will be authenticated
 - a. Do your words line up w/ Word of God?
 - b. Does your lifestyle line up w/ Word?
2. Your mission will bring accountability
 - a. Not our job to convert but to offer
 - b. Teach Christ, not churchy things
3. You have awareness of the mission's cost
 - a. If no man ever has a problem with you, you may not be serving Christ.
4. You're accomplishing the mission of showing a stark choice.
 - a. Divide people based on who Christ is!