

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship - 1-26-22
The Mission of the Twelve
Matthew Chapter 10 Part 4

1. Introduction:
 - a. Taking a look back:
 - 1) Last week we spent trying to understand Matthew 10:15
 - a) Are there degrees or levels in hell?
 - b. Taking a look ahead:
 - 1) You may notice a change in the tone and subject here.
2. The Mission Briefing Continues: Matthew 10:16-20
 - a. Sheep, wolves, serpents and doves: Verse 16
 - b. Some observations to consider that may indicate a change:
 - 1) Jesus speaks of persecution but we are not aware that the disciples faced the things that Jesus is now describing. That brings up the question of “when”?
 - 2) For example:
 - a) The Spirit will provide the words needed – Verse 20
 - b) They are bearing witness before Jews and Gentiles – Verse 18
 - c) Jesus speaks of His return – verse 23
 - d) There is a connection here to Jesus’ Olivet Discourse – Verse 22
 - c. Back to the sheep, wolves, serpents and doves:
 - 1) “sheep in the midst of wolves” –
 - 2) For the health of the sheep, it is wise for the sheep to stay together.
 - 3) Why must they go knowing they are sheep among wolves?
 - 4) Suffering and tribulation are certainly a part of our walk with the Lord. John 16:33
 - d. “wise as serpents, and harmless as doves” –
 - 1) Are snakes really wise?
 - 2) “wise” – speaks of thoughtful or discreet. Reflects cautious, sensible, prudent character.
3. Be on your guard and Be Ready! Verses 17-21
 - a. You will be taken: Verse 17
 - 1) “beware” – be on guard against it because it is harmful.
 - 2) “scourge” – flog – “bastinado”
 - b. You will have a chance to speak: Verse 18
 - 1) This did not happen on this journey but this was in front of them.
 - c. You will be given what you need to say: Verse 19-20
 - 1) Do we think that would be our first thought?
 - 2) “but when they deliver you up” –

3) The story of Richard Wurmbrand.

4. Tonight's Take Away:

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