

Southside Baptist Church  
Wednesday Night Worship – 4-27-22  
The Mission of the Twelve  
Matthew Chapter 10 Part 7

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Remember these men are being prepared for their Mission:
  - a) Verses 24-25 – Jesus is identifying with them and them with Him.
  - b) Verse 26 – “fear them not” – unbelievers, governors, kings, etc.
  - c) Verse 27 – Speak the truth
  - d) Verse 28 – “fear them not” – those who can kill the body.
  - e) Verse 29-31 – Jesus speaks of their value to Him.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Jesus turns their attention to a decision they will make many times.
- 2) They will also witness the decision some will make that will forever separate them from God.

2. It is our honor to confess Him before others: Matthew 10:32-33

a. Something to think about here:

b. What does it mean to “confess Him before men?”

- 1) What if you fail?
- 2) Believers are blessed by the fact that Jesus is our High Priest and Advocate:
  - a) High Priest – Hebrews 4:14-16
  - b) Advocate – I John 2:1

c. What does it mean to “deny” Him before men?

- 1) “deny” – two Greek words – “arneomai” and “aparneomai”.
  - a) Often, they are used interchangeably.
- 2) Context is critical to correctly understand”
  - a) When used in the context of a person making a decision, like that of the Gospel, it speaks of and indicates rejection.
  - b) When used of a believer, someone who is genuinely been born again, this denial speaks of unfaithfulness in their relationship with the Lord and thus breaking their fellowship with the Lord by their denial.
- 3) Can a believer “deny” Jesus before men?
  - a) In context of a believer remember that –
  - b) An example to consider is Peter. Matthew 26

d. To these 12 men:

- 1) These men will real persecution and real discouragement at times.
- 2) Do we really believe that what we believe is really real?

e. Think of the Disciples versus the Pharisee’s: Verse 33

- 1) The Pharisee’s had rejected Jesus as their Messiah.

f. Think of the unbeliever here: Verse 33

- 1) The unbeliever has no relationship with God. Their testimony denies who God is.

3. Not peace, but a sword: Matthew 10:34-39
  - a. Is this a contradiction in scripture? Verse 34
    - 1) Suppose someone suggested this verse as a contradiction in scripture to you.
      - 2) Suppose they used as support these verses:
        - a) Luke 2:10-14 –
        - b) Matthew 5:9 -
        - c) John 14:27 –
        - d) Ephesians 6:15 –
    - b. What does Jesus mean? Did the disciples understand?
      - 1) Did Jesus ever carry a physical sword?
      - 2) What sword did Jesus use? Ephesians 6:17
        - a) What does a sword do? Hebrews 4:12 –
      - 3) We know that on the earth since the fall that –
      - 4) Could it be that what Jesus is stating for us here is the EFFECT that His coming to earth would have on people?
4. Tonight's Take Away:
  - a. In the last 7 days, how many opportunities have you had to “confess” Jesus before others?