

Study Guide
Matthew 10
The Kingdom Has Come!

Big Idea- Find it, lose it; lose it, find it!

1. Read Matthew 10:1-15: Instructions for the Disciples to Israel.

Discuss the concept (v.1) that Jesus called the disciples first to Himself and then He sent them out. What were the instructions, what was the message, and what were to be the methods? What are implications for us today?

2. Read Matthew 10:16-25: Instructions for Disciples to the Gentiles. Discuss the dynamics of taking the gospel to the world. Why do you think Christians are hated? How does that make you feel?

3. Read Matthew 10:26-37: Instructions for future Disciples to the World. Discuss the dynamics of not being afraid, (v.26, 28 & 31), and not giving in to tolerance (v.34-39).

4. Read Matthew 10:38-39:

"And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

How can we "lose" our lives by trying to "find it", and how can we "find" our lives by being willing to "lose" them? Discuss.

5. Read Matthew 10:40-42. Discuss the encouragement of eternal rewards. What does it look like to invest now for eternal rewards?

Message Slides

What does the world learn during birth pangs?

1. Apparently we are not in control!
2. Maybe the Bible is true!
3. Perhaps we do need God!

Instructions

1. Disciples to Israel (v.1-15)
2. Disciples to Gentiles (v.16-25)
3. Future Disciples to the World (v.26-39)
4. Finding Life (v.40-42)

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A. Disciples to Israel (v.1-4)- Calling

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

A. Disciples to Israel (v.5-7) – Instructions/Message

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

Malachi 4:2

“But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.”

Isaiah 35:5; 29:18; 65

Eyes of the blind... ears of the deaf...lame will walk...mute will speak...dead will rise!

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A. Disciples to Israel (v.8-15) – Methodology

⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.⁹Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you

enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

B. Disciples to Gentiles (v.16-25)

¹⁶“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

B. Disciples to Gentiles (v.24-25)

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

C. Future Disciples to the World (v. 26-39)

1. Do not succumb to Fear! (v.26-33).

²⁶“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

C. Future Disciples to the World (v. 26-39)

2. Do not succumb to Tolerance (v.34-39)

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves

son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

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D. Finding Life (v.40-42)

⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.” The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”