

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
MATTHEW 10:5-10
JULY 17, 2019

INTRODUCTION:

1. You may feel like a nobody, but look at what Jesus can do with a nobody.
 - a) The twelve disciples were ordinary people. (Matt. 10.1-4)
 - b) They were transformed into extraordinary people. (Acts 4.13; agrammatos, idiotes)
 - c) God uses the foolish, weak, and base to do great things. (1 Cor. 1.26-31) Why?
2. In the limited commission, Jesus sends out the twelve. (“apostle” – v. 2). Where?

I. PREACH THE KINGDOM

- A. **MATTHEW 10.7:** “*And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’*”
 1. Preach (kerusso): herald. Imperative. Used as an ongoing action.
 2. The message: “*The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*”
 - a) The nature of the kingdom. (John 18.36; Luke 17.20,21)
 - b) The time of the kingdom. (Dan. 2.44; Mark 9.1)
- B. How do we enter the kingdom of God today?
 1. You must be born again. (John 3.1-5)
 - a) There is a clause of exception. (v. 3)
 - b) There is confusion. (v. 4)
 - c) There is clarification. (v. 5-7; cf 1 Pet. 1.22,23)
 2. You must believe and be baptized. (Acts 8.9-13)
 - a) Philip preached Jesus and the kingdom. (Acts 8.5,12)
 - b) The Samaritans “*believed Philip...were baptized*” (v. 12)
 - c) Simon the sorcerer “*also believed...and when he was baptized*” (v. 13)

II. HELP THE HELPLESS

- A. **MATTHEW 10.8:** “*Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.*”
 1. They were commanded to keep on helping those who were in need.
 2. How were they able to help the needy? (Luke 9.1; Acts 19.11-17)
 3. Why were they commanded to help the needy?
 - a) **MATTHEW 10.8:** “*Freely you have received, freely give.*”
 - b) Freely (dorea): Literally, without a cause.
- B. Christians are responsible for helping those in need.
 1. Help those who have physical needs.
 - a) Faith compels us to help the needy. (James 1.14-17)
 - b) Love compels us to help the needy. (1 John 3.16,17)
 - c) Care compels us to help the needy. (Phil. 4.10,14-16)
 2. Help those who have spiritual needs. (1 Thess. 5.14,15)

III. TRUST IN GOD

- A. **MATTHEW 10.9,10:** “*Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs*”
 1. Why? “*for a worker is worthy of his food*” (v. 10).
 2. Food (trophe): Literally, nourishment.
- B. Who gives us our food? (Acts 27.33-38; 1 Tim. 4.3,4)