

JESUS' MISSION, OUR MISSION

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Mark 6:6-13

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And he went about among the villages teaching. [7] And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. [8] He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—[9] but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. [10] And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. [11] And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” [12] So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. [13] And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

INTRODUCTION

Taking on the mission of Jesus is a vital aspect of the lives of the disciples of Jesus.

AUTHORITY

John 14:12—“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.”

Jesus calls those he desires.

The call to ministry is first and foremost a call to sit at the feet of Jesus.

No one can do great works for Christ unless they first learn the greatness of Christ.

Jesus sends those he disciples.

Discipleship is always about the glory of Christ and the expansion of his Kingdom.

Mark 9:5-6—“Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” [6] For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified

Jesus gives authority to those he commissions.

DEPENDANCE

We often buy into the lie that we must be strong in order to accomplish the work that Jesus has called us to accomplish.

Our qualification for ministry comes simply by the fact that Jesus has called us to work on his behalf.

Ephesians 4:19—*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Psalm 37:25

*I have been young, and now am old,
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or his children begging for bread.*

Strong people make for weak ministries, but a strong ministry is built on weak people who depend on God.

When we depend on God, we must be ready to receive opposition.

In ministry we are to expect opposition.

We are not to take opposition personally.

1 Samuel 8:7—*“Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.”*

PROCLAMATION

The goal of discipleship is obedience unto Christ.

Mark 1:14–15—*Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15] and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”*

‘metanoia’ = change of mind

The gospel message introduces a change of mind to the thinking of the natural man.

Psalm 14:2–3

*[2] The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who understand,
who seek after God.*

*[3] They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good,
not even one.*

Romans 3:23—*...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*