

Sermon Questions

Matthew 10

This week we studied Matthew 10 and learned about Jesus Christ's first commissioning of the Twelve and the way in which He taught His apostles. Often, we read the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 and falsely think that Jesus is now sending them out on mission for the very first time. However, upon further review we learn that He has been training and sending them all along. This week we studied four ways that He trained His twelve disciples. We learned that He had been asking them to pray to the Lord to send out workers into His field. We saw that He was asking them to pray so that they would be prepared to go. The fields are always ripe unto harvest, but the problem has always been that there are not enough people willing to go. Studying this passage should motivate you to not just learn the Word but to be ready to be sent by the Lord. May this week's message encourage you to stay on mission.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

The Training of the Twelve

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Jesus trained the twelve by sending them...

On mission with clear instructions to do exactly what He was doing (1-15)

Into danger with clear expectations for what they would face (16-23)

To be publicly outspoken with clear warnings against fear (24-39)

As ambassadors with clear understanding that they represented Him (40-42)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Once Jesus trained His disciples what does He do with them? Why is sending them out so important? Why is being on mission so important? Why does being on mission trump being in community? How is community derived from mission and not the other way around?

2. What were the disciples asked to do? Why were they asked to preach, cast out demons and heal people? Who had they seen model these behaviors? Was Jesus simply asking them to do exactly what He was doing? What does that show you about Jesus Christ's training method?
3. Read Mark 6:11-12. What were the apostles called to preach? What message did John the Baptist preach? What message did Jesus preach? Why is the message of repentance and faith paramount to the Gospel?
4. What else were the apostles asked to do? What qualified them to do this work? Were these guys best friends? How then were they able to be in the same group if they didn't like one another? How were friendships formed? Why is forming friendships around the mission so important?
5. Why did Jesus ask the disciples to follow Him? What's different between following somebody and just learning about them? Read 1 Corinthians 11:1 and Philippians 4:9. How did the Apostle Paul ask people to follow Him? Should we ask people to follow us to the extent that we follow Christ? Why or why not?
6. What did it mean that the apostles were to consider themselves as sheep among wolves? What is the word picture Jesus is creating? How in need will they be of their shepherd? What does it mean to be as shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves? Why is it important to stay on mission and not get caught up in things that are distracting? Why is it important to remain pure in our walk with Christ?
7. Why does informing His disciples about the danger of the mission so important? How does this make Jesus a great teacher? Why was it important for the disciples to know what they had signed themselves up for? How would this help them when trouble and persecution were prevalent?
8. Were you ever told that following Jesus would cause you to be betrayed, hated, and persecuted? Why or why not? What difference might that have made in your walk with Christ? Why were the disciples to continue looking for those who would respond even when persecuted?
9. What is the difference between growing in a curriculum and becoming like Christ? What is the goal of disciple-making? How are you growing more in your relationship with Jesus Christ? How are you being stretched to grow more in your relationship with Christ?
10. What does Jesus mean that He wants His disciples to stand up and be vocal without fear? Why should we as believers NOT be afraid of anything or anyone? What happens if as a believer we die while on mission? Is that a bad thing?

11. What happens when a Christian dies and meets Jesus Christ face to face? What happens when a non-believer dies and meets Jesus Christ face to face? Why is sharing the Gospel so important?
12. How does our language demonstrate what we believe about Christ? Why should we stand up and tell the truth about our Lord and Savior?
13. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. How are we ambassadors for Christ? What is an ambassador? Who do we represent? Why is this so important? What reward is there for people who receive you and your message?
14. What is your greatest take-a-way from this week's message? What do you need to apply right now in your life?