

Matthew Lesson 09

10:1-42 Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

1. Where did Jesus get the authority mentioned in verse 1?

Matthew 10:2-4—*Recite the names of the twelve disciples. Use “Peter” instead of “Simon” the brother of Andrew.*

2. In verses 5-6 why did Jesus tell the disciples not to “go among the Gentiles”?
3. What kingdom were the disciples to tell people about? (v 7)
4. What is the importance for you and me behind the words of Jesus, “Freely you have received, freely give”?

1 John 4:10—This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:19—We love because he first loved us.

5. Where would the disciples get food and shelter?

Note: Jesus made sure that the disciples would not be preaching, healing and doing miracles for money. No one should think you can buy your way to heaven. Nor should anyone ask for money for the free gift of salvation since Jesus paid the price on the cross and gives the results freely to others.

6. What were the disciples to do if people in a town did not welcome them and hear their message? (v 14)

Note: Jesus speaks of Sodom and Gomorrah, two towns destroyed by the Lord for their sexual sinning. Jesus says these wicked people of Sodom and Gomorrah will be better off than people in the towns who rejected Jesus. This is because the people of Jesus' times are rejecting the Savior. The people of Jesus' day—and people today—know a lot more than the people of Sodom and Gomorrah and therefore the place in hell will be worse for people who reject Jesus today, than in ancient times.

7. Why would people treat a follower of Jesus in mean and evil ways, even killing believers like us?

8. According to verses 19-20 what does Jesus want us to do in front of people who wish to hurt a believer who calls Jesus the Savior?
9. In verse 20 who will help us confess and speak clearly about our faith when others would hurt us?
10. In verse 23 how do you know it is not wrong to run away when someone is trying to hurt you because you believe in Jesus?
11. In verse 28 who is the One we should fear the most and why?

Matthew 10:32—“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.”

12. What does the Lord call upon us to love the most?
13. What effect do the words of this chapter have on your life?