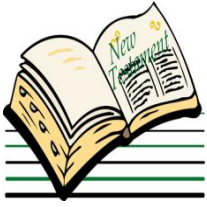


# Sermon Notes



Title: "Lessons About Ministry and Kingdom Expansion"

Part 1

Text: Matthew 10:5-15

Theme: The Gospel is free, but it is free because of an enormous cost. The Gospel is for all of us to believe and to pass along. Trust the Gospel to be the power of God unto salvation for all who believe.

I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Disciples' Mission (5-6)

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Their Mission (7-8)

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the Disciples' Mission (9-15)

## IV. Applications

A. Ministry of the Gospel in the Kingdom is to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

B. There is spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ to how a person or a community accepts or rejects the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

C. The Gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to \_\_\_\_\_ the lives of people, not my \_\_\_\_\_.

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Where did Jesus prohibit the Twelve Disciples from ministering (v. 5)?
2. Where did Jesus direct the Twelve Disciples to go on their mission? How did He describe these people (v. 6)?
3. What was the message the Twelve Disciples were to announce (v. 7)?
4. What other actions were the Twelve Disciples to do as they were on their mission (v. 8a)?
5. What was to be a motivation behind the Disciples' mission (v. 8b)?
6. What did Jesus instruct the Twelve Disciples not to take for their journey (vv. 9-10a)? Why (v. 10b)?
7. How were the Disciples to secure a place to stay (v. 11)?
8. When the Disciples came to a particular house for lodging and hospitality, how were they to approach it (vv. 12-13)?
9. If a house or town would not host the Disciples or rejected their message what did Jesus tell them to do (v. 14)?
10. How did Jesus evaluate those who might reject the Disciples' message (v. 15)?
11. Contrast this narrow commission of the Twelve Disciples with the later Great Commission they would receive (Matthew 28:18-20). What aspects do you think were unique to this particular mission? What aspects were common?
12. How is the Gospel to be freely given to others? What characterizes the nature of the Gospel as "free"?
13. In what ways do you see the Gospel "peddled" or marketed in ways that would deny its free and gracious character and offer?
14. If the Gospel is free and should be ministered freely, why does God ask His people to give tithes and offerings to the Church?
15. How did Jesus view a community that refused the Disciples' message (v. 15)? Does this have any significance to the way whole groups or communities receive or reject the Gospel today? Why or why not?
16. Why do you think Jesus wanted the Disciples to stay in one place when they ministered in a particular town?
17. In addition to the reason why the Disciples were not to take extra provisions in verse 10, why else do you suspect Jesus did not want the Twelve to take additional supplies?
18. What do you think was the significance of "shaking the dust off" the feet? Should we do this today? Why or why not?
19. In what ways do communities accept or reject the messengers of Christ today?
20. What is the difference between Gospel presentation and a testimony of the Gospel? Should we never present our own experience when communicating the Gospel? Why or why not? How can this be done in a way that does not detract from the power of the Gospel?