

Lesson #11- Matthew Chapter 10 Questions for Discussion:

1. Chapter 10 begins with Jesus calling His twelve disciples together. In verse 2 through 4 they are identified as the apostles and named specifically. Jesus is about to send them out on a mission, for the first time, without His physical presence.
 - a. What power does Jesus give the apostles so that they can accomplish the mission?

Like the apostles, we are sent out on a mission.

- b. Where do we find our instructions for the assignment?
- c. What power has Jesus given us so that we can be successful?

2. As God had ordained, the gospel came to and through the Jewish people first, but in rapid progression went out to all people of the world.
 - a. As the apostles went out on this first assignment to the “lost sheep of the house of Israel”, what was their message to be and what did it mean?
 - b. What message are we to deliver on our assignment?

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5. The rest of the chapter is Jesus preparing His disciples for more of what to expect and what they need to know to be effective and encouraged in the work.
 - a. “Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.” What does this mean?
 - b. Jesus says that this message of hope will bring great division, even among families. He says that this message of love will bring a response of hatred. Jesus says that if we don’t love Him more than our own family, we are not worthy of Him, that to die is the only way to find life. Why does Jesus have to be so extreme?
 - c. Discuss the encouraging promise of reward found in the last three verses of chapter 10.