

## Jesus Sends Out the Twelve - Matthew 10:1-42

**Topics:** Ambassadors, Approval, Challenge, Commitment, Confidence, Convictions, Danger, Depend, Discouragement, Endurance, Enemies, Faithfulness, Fear, Fruit, God's Will, Gospel, Holy Spirit, Instructions, Last Days, Persecution, Persistence, Problems, Purpose, Rejection, Results, Rewards, Risk, Sacrifice, Serving, Stress, Suffering, Unbelievers, Victory, Witnessing

### Open It

- \* 1. How might a parent feel sending his or her child off to school for the first time?
- 2. What activity or responsibility absolutely terrifies you?
- 3. Why do you think certain people are antagonistic to the gospel?

### Explore It

- 4. What kind of authority did Jesus give His twelve disciples? (10:1)
- 5. What were the names of the twelve men with Jesus? (10:2-4)
- 6. To what audience did Jesus command these men to go? (10:5-6)
- 7. What last-minute ministry instructions did Jesus give His disciples? (10:7-10)
- 8. What sort of accommodations were the disciples to seek in their travels? (10:11-13)
- 9. How were the disciples supposed to respond to those who rejected them? (10:14-15)
- 10. To what kind of animal did Jesus compare His disciples? (10:16)
- \* 11. What warnings of danger or hardship did Christ give His disciples? (10:17-23)
- \* 12. Why did Jesus predict trouble for the disciples? (10:24-25)
- \* 13. What kinds of things did Jesus say to bolster His disciples' courage? (10:26-31)
- 14. Why did Christ tell His disciples that it was important for them to take a stand for Him? (10:32-33)
- 15. What surprising comments did Jesus make about the goal of His ministry? (10:34-36)
- 16. What radical requirements did Christ make of those who would follow Him? (10:37-38)
- 17. What did Jesus promise those who obeyed Him fully? (10:39-42)

### Get It

- \* 18. Where specifically do you think Jesus wants you to minister?
- 19. What things act as security blankets in your life and keep you from stepping out in faith?
- 20. How can you be shrewd and innocent in your dealings with non-Christians?
- \* 21. How do you react when someone makes jokes about your faith or when people treat you harshly?
- 22. How has Jesus created division in your family?
- 23. In what ways have you been putting human relationships before your relationship with Christ?
- 24. What do you think it means to lose your life for Christ's sake?

### Apply It

- 25. In what specific situations do you need to rely more on the Holy Spirit to give you the right words to say?
- \* 26. What promises from this chapter can you meditate on this week to make you a more effective minister for Christ?
- 27. What are three or four concrete ways you can be more bold in standing up for Christ this week?