

## Matthew 10.1-15

**10** Summoning his twelve disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, to drive them out and to heal every disease and sickness.**2** These are the names of the twelve apostles: First, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; **3** Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; **4** Simon the Zealot,<sup>[d]</sup> and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

**5** Jesus sent out these twelve after giving them instructions: "Don't take the road that leads to the Gentiles, and don't enter any Samaritan town. **6** Instead, go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** As you go, proclaim, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' **8** Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy,<sup>[e]</sup> drive out demons. Freely you received, freely give. **9** Don't acquire gold, silver, or copper for your money-belts. **10** Don't take a traveling bag for the road, or an extra shirt, sandals, or a staff, for the worker is worthy of his food. **11** When you enter any town or village, find out who is worthy, and stay there until you leave. **12** Greet a household when you enter it, **13** and if the household is worthy, let your peace be on it; but if it is unworthy, let your peace return to you. **14** If anyone does not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that house or town. **15** Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

1. Main Idea - **Christ is calling us to take the Gospel to those most in need of it**
2. Calling of the 12 (1-4)
3. Instructions Given (5-10) -
  - a. Go to Israel (6) - Is there someone you know you need to share with?
  - b. The Kingdom of God is at hand (verse 8) - What about the Gospel is hard for you to share with others? Does it seem too harsh? Are you afraid it will end friendships?
  - c. Meet physical needs - What does it look like practically for you to help others in need?
  - d. Take nothing with you - Three reasons why -
    - i. Trust fully in the Lord - What do you struggle to trust the Lord with?
    - ii. The task is urgent -
    - iii. Be different than the world - How is your life different than your Christian co-workers and friends?
4. Coming Judgement (11-15)
  - a. Do you fully believe that lost people are bound for hell?
  - b. How do you feel knowing that you have been forgiven and others have never heard the Gospel?
5. Conclusion
  - a. What small change can you make?