

SERMON ON THE MOUNT: A SERIES IN MATTHEW

**Jesus Sends His Chosen Out****A Note to the Parents/Teachers**

Being a light for Jesus can be a very heavy burden if done without His Spirit. As adults we often feel that we need to do more, love more, witness more, and the guilt is heavy on our shoulders when we do not perform to the level we feel is worthy. This passage is so freeing, in that JESUS calls and JESUS gives them authority to do the work. It is HIS power that heals, casts out demons, raises the dead AND it is HIS power that shows others that HIS kingdom has come. Pray that as we share the work that Jesus calls these disciples into, the kids hear the message plainly that it is ONLY through Jesus's Spirit that ANY of this can be accomplished... then and now. He calls, He empowers, and we respond.

Big Idea: When God calls His people to a task, He gives the power to do it!

Starter

- **Evidences of Grace**

Ask kids to share ways they've seen God at work lately. Anything good, big or small, is from God. Take time to thank God together.

- **Imagine:** You had no money, you had no car. Now imagine that I asked you to go and get donuts for the whole church. What would you do? How would you feel?
- **Ask:** How would you feel if you accomplished the task? How would you feel if you didn't?

Sing Together

Story — from Matthew 9:36-10:42

Read Matthew 9:36-38 aloud together.

Jesus is looking out over the people and he sees that there are LOTS of people who need Him and are ready to hear about His rescue story. But He says there are very few workers, meaning there are very few people spreading the good news of Jesus. So in our passage today, Jesus calls His workers, tells them what their purpose is and how they are going to accomplish it.

Read Matthew 10:1-4 aloud together.

Jesus summoned or gathered his 12 disciples (the same guys he had said “Follow Me” over the past few weeks, the ones that left everything to learn from him). This was a really interesting group of guys. They were all Jewish. But VERY different in lifestyle. There were brothers. Fishermen. Tax collectors. Really religious men. Really NOT religious men. Some very smart and others not. Even a man that was going to betray Jesus! This was like gathering a group of guys that were DEFINITELY going to fight with each other... and saying, ok let's all live together and see how this plays out. This is how our God works. He brings together all kinds of different people and gives them the commonality of what they were designed for: HIS KINGDOM!! And as they are filled with His Spirit and work together, they see the good and full life the God designed us for.

Jesus calls these men, and it says He gives them authority... this word holds the idea of having power over, the ability to do something they were unable to do before. Just like in our example earlier, if you had no money and I said, go get donuts for the whole church!! But before I sent you I gave you \$50 and said that your mom was going to give you a ride. Now I gave you a task to accomplish but I also gave you the ability to do it. So when you accomplished it, you know that you had everything you needed and could do the job. But you couldn't say you did it on your own, because I gave you the money and the ride. This is what Jesus did. He gave them power or authority over unclean spirits and diseases and sicknesses. These men did not have this power before, it was given by Jesus in order to spread the good news of Jesus to the Jews. Jesus gave them specific instructions as they went. They were to go to the Jewish people only. The message they were to proclaim was “The Kingdom of Heaven has come near” while healing them and freeing them of evil. The message was that the original plan of God, the good EDEN was coming near. The Jews wanted salvation from the Romans... not salvation from themselves. Jesus was offering forgiveness from sins, freedom from evil spirits, leprosy and sickness and even death. It meant having a Rescuer that would bring things back to the way He intended. In order to be apart of that kingdom, people would have to **A: Admit** they had a problem (sin separated them from God), **B: Believe** that Jesus was the ONLY answer to that problem, **C: Confess** their belief and REPENT or turn from their old ways and turn to Jesus as the only answer. Jesus knew that this would be a very hard message for everyone. And He warned His disciples that people might get angry with them and might even hurt them for this message. But Jesus reminded them, His Spirit would give them the words to speak, His Spirit would given them the boldness they needed.

If we are followers of Jesus, Jesus still has that same message for us. He has forgiven us, He has called us into His kingdom and He is sending us out to share His story with others. But we are NOT ALONE. We do not do this by our own intelligence or our own power. He has given us His Spirit. And His spirit gives us the words to speak, the boldness we need to tell others that His kingdom has come near. Through Him, others can join His kingdom of forgiveness.

Dialogue Questions: *[you may use some or all]*

- ▶ Why do you think Jesus gathered different types of men to follow Him?
- ▶ Why do you think Jesus sent these 12 disciples out to the Jewish people?
- ▶ Do you think the disciples thought they could do what Jesus asked of them without His help?
- ▶ Do you think you can do God's work without His help sometimes?
- ▶ Do you think the Jews would get angry with the disciples for this message?
- ▶ Have you been wondering what it means to be a follower of Jesus? (walk through the ABCs of the gospel again).
- ▶ Who is Jesus calling you to speak the good news of His kingdom to this week?

Breakout Time

Pray:

God, we thank you for calling us into your Kingdom, for giving us a new message of hope and healing and for giving us the Holy Spirit that gives us the power and boldness and words to say to tell others about you. Amen.

Craft:

- There are two coloring sheets attached

BLESS Activity

This week, ask God who He will help you practice the **SPEAK** rhythm to. Is there someone in your life that doesn't know Jesus? Someone that is sad or lonely? Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you have boldness to speak the good news of Jesus to this friend this week.

You have been filled with Gods Spirit to tell others about His goodness.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Mark 6:8 (NIV)

Based on Mark 6:6-13 (NIV)



Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two.

Mark 6:7 (NIV)

O J B B L Q D T U N I C Y H A
 S X H A O R R Y R C M B R L H
 T K L G B X O J G E Q L P C T
 A M B J O U R N E Y P R O Q M
 F V P R E A C H A J X E P R Q
 F I R P E C H H N E E N N L P
 M L K P V A W F O D U S J T M
 G L W W C K D S Q D S A U J A
 C A Y T T E A C H I N G O S W
 T G P A O E V I L S M O N E Y
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 L H P J Q H E A L E D T K N P
 V F S A N D A L S O T M E W V
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AUTHORITY	TWELVE	TAKE	REPENT	SANDALS
SPIRITS	JESUS	TUNIC	MONEY	BAG
EVIL	VILLAGE	JOURNEY	BREAD	HEALED
TEACHING	STAFF	SENT	PREACH	NOTHING

JESUS AND THE TWELVE DISCIPLES

