

SENT- Part 6

“The Sending of the 12”

Recap:

1. Metanarrative
2. Jesus Sent
3. Preach/Healed
4. Saw Needs/ Met Needs
5. God invites us to join His work

Matthew 9:35-10:4

“William Barclay reports that when Martin Luther became convinced that the biblical way of salvation was by God’s grace working through man’s faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, he began earnestly preaching and contending for this doctrine that became the hallmark of the Protestant Reformation. A friend of his was equally convinced of this truth, and the two men agreed that Luther would spend his time out in the world preaching, writing, and debating, while the friend would spend his time alone in a monastery upholding Luther and the cause of the Reformation in prayer. As Luther visited the friend from time to time and reported the difficulties and obstacles of the work, the friend would intensify his praying. One night the friend had a dream in which he saw a gigantic field that stretched over the whole earth. But only one lone figure was working in the field, and when he looked closer the man saw that the lone figure was his dear friend Luther. When he woke up he immediately went to find Luther and tell him that God made clear to him through the dream that it was not enough simply to pray. He, too, must give himself directly to the work of spreading the good news of salvation. He did not forsake praying, but he set aside his pious solitude and began to labor beside Luther in the heat and dirt of battle”

MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1985). [Matthew](#) (Vol. 2, pp. 119–120). Chicago: Moody Press.

Having just told His disciples to pray for workers, He now sends them out.

-it’s not enough to just pray, we must be about the work as well

10:1- called- summoned

- intense term that means to call someone to oneself in order to confront face to face
- seriousness
- send out of v.38- those throw someone out
 - coach who sling a player on the field
- here we have that same intensity
- this isn’t a casual calling- it’s an official commissioning
- when he looked into their eyes, who knew who they were... but called them anyway

12 disciples- those who learn under instruction of a Master Teacher

- that’s what we’ve seen to this point... them following Jesus
- learning... and they will continue to do so

Gave them authority—- “it is lawful”
-come back to this in a little while

v.2- apostles- qualified representatives who are sent on mission..

- answer to the prayer of 9:38
- it is they that He is slinging into the work

1. Jesus called before He sent them

- before this day there was a calling on their life.. (salvation, following)

***They were sovereignly chosen**

- none of them initiated following Jesus

-Matthew 9:9

-Mark 3:13-15

-John 15:16

- They were saved before sent..

-identity before activity

-identity over activity

- **this keeps us going doesn't it?

***They were prayerfully chosen**

- Jesus did nothing on His own accord

-Luke 6:12-13

-chosen by the Father

-John 17:6

***they were purposefully chosen**

- to follow

-to take his yoke and learn from Him

-chosen to watch him and learn from Him

-to learn God's heart

- they were defective

-spiritually dull

-prideful

-lacked faith

-lacked commitment

-lacked power

-this is why people were amazed in Acts

***They were chosen to be sent**

- disciples to apostles

2. Jesus called and sent them not on the basis of their worthiness, capabilities, or faithfulness, but on the basis of His power working through them

- authority- “it is lawful”

-legimately delegated

-power— authority

-This is what we see in the book of Acts

-the apostle doing these same type of works

3. Jesus sent them to preach the kingdom and meet the needs of others. (7-8)

4. Jesus warned their going wouldn't be without resistance (16-25)

5. Jesus encouraged them to trust in the heart of their Father. (26-33)

Application:

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