



Lesson 29 – The First Evangelists

Based on Matthew 10; Mark 6:7-11; Luke 9:1-6

- 1) Where does our lesson begin today?

Luke 9:1-2 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them _____ and _____ over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

- 2) What instructions did He add to the task?

Luke 9:3-4 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither _____; neither have two coats apiece. And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart. And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very _____ from your feet for a testimony against them.

As Jesus ministered to the vast multitudes that gathered about Him, His disciples were in attendance, eager to do His bidding and to lighten His labor. They assisted in arranging the people, bringing the afflicted ones to the Saviour, and promoting the comfort of all. They watched for interested hearers, explained the Scriptures to them, and in various ways worked for their spiritual benefit. They taught what they had learned of Jesus and were every day obtaining a rich experience. But they needed also an experience in laboring alone.

- 3) Why? _____

When they were separated from Him, every look and tone and word of the doubting Pharisees came back to them. Often when in conflict with the enemies of the gospel, they repeated Jesus' words, and as they saw their effect upon the people, they rejoiced greatly.

- 4) What were their instructions?

Matthew 10:7-8 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the _____, cleanse the _____, raise the _____, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

- 5) What promise is given to those who serve the Lord?

Isaiah 58:8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy _____.

The love of Christ, manifested in unselfish ministry, will be more effective in reforming the evildoer than will the sword or the court of justice. These are necessary to strike terror to the lawbreaker, but the loving missionary can do more than this. Often the heart will harden under reproof; but it will melt under the love of Christ.

- 6) To whom were the disciples to go on their first mission?

Matthew 10:5-6 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of _____.

Until they themselves could grasp this truth they were not prepared to labor for the Gentiles. If the Jews would receive the gospel, God purposed to make them His messengers to the Gentiles. Therefore, they were first to hear the message.



7) How did Jesus say they should enter the houses of those they were visiting?

Luke 10:5-6 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, _____ be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

On this first tour the disciples were to go only where Jesus had been before them and had made friends. Their preparation for the journey was to be of the simplest kind. Nothing must be allowed to divert their minds from their great work, or in any way excite opposition and close the door for further labor.

8) What did Jesus tell His disciples about those that wouldn't receive the Word?

Matthew 10:14-15 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your _____, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of _____, than for that city.

They were not to enter into the synagogues and call the people together for public service; their efforts were to be put forth in house-to-house labor. They were not to waste time in needless salutations, or in going from house to house for entertainment. But in every place, they were to accept the hospitality of those who were worthy, those who would welcome them heartily as if entertaining Christ Himself.

9) Where is our real warfare?

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against _____, against _____, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

We are to contend with supernatural forces, but we are assured of supernatural help. All the intelligences of heaven are in this army. And more than angels are in the ranks. The Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord's host, comes down to direct the battle. Our infirmities may be many, our sins and mistakes grievous; but the grace of God is for all who seek it with contrition. The power of Omnipotence is enlisted on behalf of those who trust in God.

10) What warning did Jesus give us?

Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of _____: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as _____.

Every soul was precious in His eyes. While He always bore Himself with divine dignity, He bowed with tenderest regard to every member of the family of God. In all men He saw fallen souls whom it was His mission to save.

The servants of Christ are not to act out the dictates of the natural heart. They need to have close communion with God, lest, under provocation, self rise up, and they pour forth a torrent of words that are unbecoming, that are not as dew or the still showers that refresh the withering plants.

11) What did Jesus tell us to beware of?

Matthew 10:17 But beware of _____: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;



God is dishonored and the gospel is betrayed when His servants depend on the counsel of men who are not under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Worldly wisdom is foolishness with God. Those who rely upon it will surely err.

12) What did Jesus follow up with His warning?

Matthew 10:18-19 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a _____ against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall _____: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

Often their only means of learning its real character is the testimony of those who are brought to trial for their faith. Under examination these are required to answer, and their judges to listen to the testimony borne. God's grace will be dispensed to His servants to meet the emergency.

Under loss and suffering, even unto death, the Lord's children are to reveal the meekness of their divine Example. Thus, will be seen the contrast between Satan's agents and the representatives of Christ. The Saviour will be lifted up before the rulers and the people.

13) What was seen in Peter and John later in the book of Acts?

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with _____.

14) What was seen in Stephen?

Acts 6:10 And they were not able to resist the _____ and the spirit by which he spake.

Acts 6:15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an _____.

15) What did Paul say about his trial in Rome?

2 Timothy 4:16-17 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the _____ stood with me and _____ me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

A daily, earnest striving to know God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, would bring power and efficiency to the soul. The knowledge obtained by diligent searching of the Scriptures would be flashed into the memory at the right time. But If any had neglected to acquaint themselves with the words of Christ, if they had never tested the power of His grace in trial, they could not expect that the Holy Spirit would bring His words to their remembrance. They were to serve God daily with undivided affection and then trust Him.

16) What effect does the truth tend to bring?

Mark 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall _____ unto the end, the same shall be saved.

17) What admonition did Jesus give us?

Matthew 10:27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the _____.



Whatever the danger, Christ's followers must avow their principles. They should scorn concealment. They cannot remain uncommitted until they are assured of safety in confessing the truth. They are set as watchmen, to warn men of their peril. The truth received from Christ must be imparted to all, freely and openly.

18) Whom should we fear?

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the _____, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Real peace can never be secured by compromising principles. And no man can be true to principle without exciting opposition. A Christianity that is spiritual will be opposed by the children of disobedience.

19) What lesson from nature did Jesus quote?

Matthew 10:29,31 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not _____ on the ground without your Father. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more _____ than many sparrows.

20) What promise did Jesus make to the faithful?

Matthew 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall _____ me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

He who would confess Christ must have Christ abiding in him. He cannot communicate what he has not received. The disciples might speak fluently on doctrines, they might repeat the words of Christ Himself; but unless they possessed Christlike meekness and love, they were not confessing Him.

21) When we rightly represent Christ, who do we bless?

Matthew 10:40 He that receiveth you receiveth _____, and he that receiveth me receiveth _____ that sent me.

22) What was the mission of Christ, the Disciples, and us?

Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to _____ the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at _____ them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

The mission of Christ's servants is a high honor, and a sacred trust.

Can you see Jesus' depth of love for humanity?

Would you like to be a blessing?

When is the time to answer the call?