

“Following Jesus is Inherently Challenging”

Part 1

Matt. 10:16-23

Intro: • Jesus uses ordinary people to accomplish His extraordinary mission.

- He chose you – He called you
- He sends you – He uses you

Matt. 10:1-4; 1 Cor. 1:9; John 15:16

• Jesus instructs His disciples

Matt. 10:5-42; 11:1

- Proclaim the gospel vs. 7

Mark 1:14-15; Romans 1:16

- Be dependent upon the Lord vs. 1, 9-10

He provides the power, the provision, the purpose

Matt. 16:18

- Evangelize constantly vs. 11-14

- Disciples are followers of Jesus

Matt. 10:38-39

- It's non-negotiable

Matt. 10:32-33

I. It's a hard road vs. 16-23

Matt. 16:24-28; Matt. 7:13-14

• Your calling is dangerous, not comfortable vs. 16

Romans 16:19; Matt. 7:15; Col. 4:5; 2 Cor. 1:12; Phil. 2:14-16; Matt. 5:8-10; James 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:3-4

• Expect opposition vs. 17-18

Acts 5:40; 23:12-22; Phil. 3:2; Gal. 5:15; 2 Tim. 1:8; Phil. 1:27-30

• You do not stand alone vs. 19-20

2 Tim. 4:16-17; Phil. 4:5-6; James 1:5; 3:17; Exodus 4:12; Acts 28:25; 1 Peter 3:14-16, 22; Psalm 37:3-6

• Following Jesus may cost you deeply vs. 21-22

Matt. 10:34-39; Mic. 7:6; Matt. 24:9; Isaiah 66:5-6; John 7:7; 15:18-19; 1 John 3:13; 2 Cor. 4:11

Romans 2:7; Heb. 3:14; 6:11; 2 Thess. 1:3-5

• Faithfulness calls for courage and wisdom vs. 23

Matt. 10:5, 11-14, 16; 16:27; 28:18-20; Acts 9:24-25; Matt. 12:14-15; Acts 13:50-51; Luke 18:8