

Mark 6:7-13

4 Attributes Of Fulfilling
Kingdom Assignments For Jesus

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Background/Context

- Author: follower of Jesus, John Mark (assoc. of Paul, close friends with Peter & Barnabas)
- Written: (AD 64-65)
- Audience: Roman world
- Verses; quick transition, after rejection in Nazareth Jesus disappointed but not deterred
- Disciples; after time following Jesus (1 ½ years) sent out to multiply ministry, grow kingdom, fulfill Kingdom assignments

Receiving Jesus' Divine

Commission

- (v.7) Jesus initiates plan to multiply Kingdom ministry
- Imp: Jesus calls Disciples to "Himself"; not religion, church, or denomination
- Sent out 2 by 2; encouragement, accountability, safety and Deut. 17:6, "out of the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses..."
- Disciples given special authority to speak/act on behalf of Jesus; given assignment, job, mission tied to Kingdom
- Disciples given power to accomplish; Jesus never send without tools they needed to experience victory

- Prov. 19:21, "There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the Lord's counsel - that will stand."
- John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."



Following Distinct Commands

- (vv.8-11) Jesus gave Disciples specific instructions to guide their conduct and protect witness
- General Principle: Jesus wanted Disciples to learn to depend upon Him and not be overly focused on material things.
- One of keys to verses: Disciples were not to take extras and use ministry for purpose of gathering wealth
- The Lord would open homes for them and provide but they were to expect some rejection
- Those who rejected were to be committed to Jesus' judgment

- Matt. 6:26, "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"



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Sharing Undiluted Communication

- (v.12) Disciples faithfully carried out word of Jesus; shared His example in deeds
- Extremely careful not to change God's words; saw teachings of Jesus as priority
- Didn't make things up, give their opinion, say what was most popular
- Shared God's plan of salvation through repentance of sin and receiving Jesus' free gift of eternal life through faith
- Repentance: "to change direction and mindset, to turn from sin/self and turn toward Jesus/His death on Cross

- Amos 8:11, "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord God, that I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."
- 2 Tim. 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."



Displaying Divine Compassion

- (v.13) Jesus shows Himself to be absolutely faithful; provided every step of the way
- Lives changed by power of Jesus working through Disciples; developed/shared great compassion like Jesus
- They given power over evil forces/disease; people set free and experienced salvation
- Disciples learned Jesus is the Answer and He can do all things; He works in followers and through followers to bring life transformation

- Luke 10:33, "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion."
- I Cor. 13:2, "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."



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