

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

Date: August 12, 2018

Mark 6:7-13

1. After spending time with his disciples, Jesus sent them out to minister by themselves. What sort of process is necessary to train new believers to move from learning, to sharing in ministry, to doing ministry on their own?
2. Read Mark 6:8. Why might Jesus have charged the disciples to take no provisions with them for the journey? What lessons could they learn by leaving home empty-handed?
3. Matthew gives a much more detailed account of Jesus's sending of the twelve disciples in Matthew 10:5-15. What are specific tasks that Jesus assigned to the disciples? What warning did he give about those towns that rejected the messengers of the gospel?
4. Jesus sent the disciples out after he gave them authority over unclean spirits. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What authority does Jesus have and how does it relate to our call in the Great Commission.
5. Among the accounts of this event in the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), Mark alone tells us that the disciples proclaimed that the people should repent. How is the message to repent synonymous with the warning that the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand as recorded in the other gospels?
6. The last point of the sermon last week was, "Rest in God's sovereignty." What does it look like to do this? How have you struggled to trust in God's sovereign power in the past?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Acts 16:31. Talk about why it is important to go out as the disciples did and proclaim the gospel.