

Informal Bible Study

Discussion Guide for the Gospel of Matthew

Chapter 10

Revised

Overview

In chapter 10, the King – our Lord Jesus Christ – sends out His messengers to proclaim that the Kingdom was at hand. He instructs them at length as to how they were to conduct themselves and what to expect. Let's examine what He said to them and why He said these things.

Questions

1. What authority did Jesus give His 12 disciples (apostles)? See verses 1 and 8.

Did Jesus give this same authority to us as members of the Body of Christ?

How do we know?

2. Who are the 12 apostles that Jesus gave this authority to?

How did they come to be His apostles? Suggestion: read Luke 6:12-16.

According to Luke, when did this event of Jesus calling His apostles occur? Just before what?

Both Matthew and Luke single out one of the apostles for a special mention. Who is that one and what do both of them say about him?

Consider the momentous happenings in Matthew 9 and 10, where the King performs miracles and sends out His couriers to all the cities and towns in Israel. And one of the twelve apostles is this man Judas. Discuss how the thing that Matthew and Luke tell us at the outset of Judas colors these events since he is one of the twelve who participates in them.

3. Read the parallel passage to Matthew 10 in Luke 9:1-10. Or is it Luke 10:1-24?? How many are sent out in Luke 10? Discuss similarities and differences across these three passages.

4. What good news did Jesus tell the twelve to preach in Matthew 10? See verse 7.

What gospel does Jesus proclaim in the cities and villages of Galilee? See Matthew 9:35.

Does Jesus tell the apostles to preach the gospel of the grace of God that the apostle Paul would later on preach (see 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)? Does Jesus tell the apostles here in Matthew 10 to preach salvation by grace through faith based on the death, burial and resurrection of Christ? Or that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised on the third day?

Why not?

5. Does Jesus tell the apostles NOT to go to any places when they preach and minister to the people? Where?

Who are the ONLY people that Jesus did send them to preach to?

Who did the Lord commission Paul to go and preach the gospel to?

6. Are we considered **disciples** of Jesus?

To help determine this, look at the frequency with which the Greek word for “disciple” appears in the New Testament:

Entry for Strong's #3101 - μαθητής

Transliteration: mathētēs

Frequency by book of the New Testament

KJV (1)		NAS (261)		HCS (261)	
Matthew	71	Matthew	69	Matthew	72
Mark	42	Mark	42	Mark	46
Luke	37	Luke	36	Luke	37
John	74	John	73	John	78
Acts	28	Acts	26	Acts	28

What books of the New Testament are written to and about the church, the body of Christ?

How many times does the Greek word for “disciple” appear in Paul’s letters?

What word is most commonly used in Paul’s letters to identify members of the body of Christ?

Are there basic differences between what is said to and about **saints**, in comparison to what is said to and about **disciples**?

Let's discuss some of these differences!

How about in the area of prayer?

Compare Matthew 7:7-8, Matthew 21:22 and Mark 11:22-24

with 2 Corinthians 12:8-10, Romans 8:26-28, Philippians 4:6-7, and Ephesians 3:20-21.

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How about concerning forgiveness?

See Matthew 6:12-15 compared to Colossians 2:13.

7. In verse 15, who will be judged harshly on the day of judgment?

8. In verses 17-18, who are these men that the disciples should beware of according to Jesus?

9. Jesus describes things that will happen to the disciples as they are delivering the message of the gospel of the kingdom. Where will these things take place?

In the earlier version of this guide for chapter 10, I got carried away with making too many dispensational cuts. I ended up cutting a vein that should not be cut! And that is salvation. So the LORD corrected me. This revised version of chapter 10 reflects that correction.

Salvation is the same from start to finish in the Bible.

Salvation is by grace through faith, not of works.

Eph 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

All men who are saved are saved by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:29

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Heb 10:11-14

11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; 12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, 13 waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. 14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

By believing the gospel or good news about the Lord Jesus Christ, we are justified or declared righteous by God.

Salvation is from the Lord. It is completely His work.

So let's spend some time tonight refreshing our understanding about salvation.

Rom 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Gal 2:15-17

15 "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles; 16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified."

The gospel is the good news about our Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior.
The gospel is God's message concerning His Son.

Revelation concerning our Lord Jesus Christ builds as we proceed through the Bible.
But He is always revealed as the Savior, starting at the very beginning, in Genesis 3:15.

Gen 3:14-15

The Lord God said to the serpent,

*" Because you have done this,
Cursed are you more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you will go,
And dust you will eat
All the days of your life;*

*15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel."*

Let's continue by reading **Romans 3**.

Now let's read **Romans 4**.

Next, let's read **Romans 10**.

Let's put together what we have learned about salvation from reading Romans 3, 4, and 10.

10. Matthew 10:35-36 is a quotation from Micah 7:6. Please turn to Micah and read this passage and "check out the neighborhood" by reading all of Micah chapter 7. What is Micah talking about in Micah 7? Relate what Micah is prophesying in chapter 7 to the instructions that Jesus is giving His disciples in Matthew 10.