Lifegroup Study (AM) – 24 June 2018

**Matthew 10 - Sent**

**INTRODUCTION**

Our God is a missional God. He sent Jesus from heaven to earth to show His great love

and provide a bridge for humanity to come back home to Him. Then the Holy Spirit was sent to empower Christs’ disciples in order to bring the Kingdom of heaven to earth. As we will see in Matthew 10, Jesus sent His disciples out with an intentional mission and He is sending us, His modern-day disciples, out with the same thing in mind. Be encouraged with your progress so far yet be challenged to live a more intentional life of mission wherever you find yourselves.

**KEY SCRIPTURES**

**READ Matthew 10:1-15**

‘Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

**2**These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; **3**Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; **4**Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

**5**These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. **6**Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. **7**As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ **8**Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

**9**“Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts—**10**no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. **11**Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave.**12**As you enter the home, give it your greeting. **13**If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. **14**If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. **15**Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.”’

**Read Romans 1:16**

“I am proud of the good news! It is God’s powerful way of saving all people who have faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles (Non-Jews).” *(*Contemporary English Version)

**KEY POINTS**

* The gospel is powerful and it is our responsibility to share it with people around us when we can.
* Jesus not only calls us to share the good news, but to be expectant that the power of God will show up when we put our faith into action.
* There are plenty of people in our communities who need some “Good News”, and guess what? You have some good news about Jesus. Share it!

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. If you heard the sermon, was there anything God spoke to you about personally from this message?
2. Within this passage, what insights into God’s character do you find?
3. What does this passage teach us about God's purposes for His people?
4. Re-read vs 7- 12. What do you think it means in verse 7 when it says ‘**as you go’**? What do you think this means for you personally?
5. **James 1:22** says “*Don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves*.” Is there anything that God is asking you to stop, start or continue in this passage?
6. What is the next step you need to take in response to God’s word? (i.e. obedience)

**PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

* If you currently are not active in sharing your faith in Jesus with others, commit to praying for 3 non-Christian people every day for the next month.
* If you are somewhat active in praying for your unsaved friend and family, try and have a spiritual conversation with such people in the next week- You could start with this question “What did you do at the weekend?” Listen, and then tell about how church was, and then add “Do you want to come with me this Sunday?” If they say no just take the conversation a bit further “Church really helps me to connect with God. How do you connect with God?”
* If you know someone who seems really open to God, try asking them, “If you could know God, would you want to?”, then you could share the gospel with them.
* Invite Aiden Shotbolt to come and do our evangelism teaching/training sessions with your Lifegroup

**PRAYER POINTS**

* For us to each understand the beauty of the ‘good news’ in our own lives.
* For us to have the confidence and faith to share the good news ‘as we go’.
* For God to reveal how we can find creative ways to introduce the good news into our every day conversations.