



SPORTS IN FOCUS

All THE KING'S MEN

Matthew 10:1-7 • Lesson Five

ZOOM!

READY

- Jesus prayerfully chose twelve good men to be His followers and form the foundation for the church. If you had to pick people to plant a new church, what kinds of people would be advantageous to have on your team?

SET

Context of Matthew 10:1-7

Jesus did not call the twelve disciples (who became apostles) on the basis of their innate worthiness or personal capabilities or faithfulness, but solely on the basis of what He could make of them by His own power working through them. Following the list of the men the King selected, Matthew 10 records Christ's words about the basic task of ministry and concludes with the cost of ministry.

Keys to Text

Workers for the Harvest: Notice that Jesus called His disciples to pray for the workers (see 9:38), and then He called them to become worker. As they began to see the world as Christ sees it, looking out on lost humanity through their Lord's eyes and with His heart of compassion they also began to see that they themselves were called to go out and invite the lost into the Lord's kingdom. The believer who prays for God to send workers, but is unwilling to go himself, prays hypocritically.

GO

Read Matthew 10:1-7

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

1. What were Jesus' instructions to the Twelve before sending them out?
2. Why did Jesus' instruct them to spread the message first to the house of Israel?
3. What did Jesus mean by "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."?

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Bobby Bowden won almost 400 college football games. Bowden made a stop in Omaha to speak at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' annual Cornerstone Celebration. Bowden, 80, spoke to the crowd of more than 700 about his experiences coaching at Florida State where he often beat the Nebraska Cornhuskers. He emphasized the importance of leadership in the lives of young people. Most of his career, the athletes he coached were being raised by their mothers with the father being absent. The greatness of God's grace is seen in His choosing the undeserving to be His people and the unqualified to do His work. Coach Bowden said he developed into a leader for the Lord by simply making himself available to the Lord's work. It was never about his special leadership qualities. Instead, it has always been about his willingness to serve. Even today as a retired football coach, he speaks at more than 50 FCA meeting each year. God chooses to give sanctifying grace on those who believe in His son and by His own power to transform them into men and women of great usefulness. www.nebraskafca.org