

Matthew 10 Study Guide

Go. That is the message to us in chapter 10. Go and tell the story of Jesus. Go and invite people to follow him. Go.

But going is costly.

READ. In verses 5 – 8, Jesus tells his disciples to preach and serve. What was their message to be?

That message would be understood by Jewish people as an invitation to change their ways and to follow the Messiah. What do you think that means today?

Usually, teachers expected to be paid for their work as teachers by those they taught. But Jesus told the disciples to do something different. What was it?

But how were they to live? One possibility is to fund their own mission. But Jesus says they are not to do that. See verses 9 – 10. So how would they live? See verse 11.

What did Jesus tell the disciple-missionaries to do when they were supported by a worthy person who became their partner by supporting them?

There is also a warning. What were the disciples to do if they were not welcomed or helped in their mission?

APPLY. Though these instructions were specific to the mission of the twelve disciples, they might have something to say to us about our responsibility as disciples or as partners with the people who go to preach and serve. Apply what you understand here to yourself. Explain what being a disciple or a partner means to you personally.

READ. Verses 16 – 39 warn the disciples about what they can expect when they go to preach the message of the Kingdom. What are two things the disciple-missionary might expect?

1. _____

2. _____

Jesus tells his disciple-missionaries to not be afraid of these things. Why? (There is more than one reason. Quote specific verses as you answer this question.)

The chapter concludes with a special blessing for those who partner with the disciple-missionary. What is it? (Verses 40 – 41)
