

Life of Christ SERIES ♦ LESSON #25A – Jesus Sends the Twelve ♦ Matt 9:35-10:42

TO HELP US STUDY

1. What did Jesus tell his disciples about the harvest? _____
2. What authority did Jesus give his disciples? _____
3. To whom were the disciples to go? _____
4. What message were they to preach? _____
5. What were the disciples to take with them? _____
6. Where were they to stay in each village they entered? _____
7. What types of struggles should they expect? _____

8. How would the Holy Spirit help them? _____
9. Why should they not be afraid of those who would harm them? _____

10. Whoever _____ me before men, I will also _____ before my Father in heaven. But whoever _____ me before men, I will _____ before my Father in Heaven.

Bonus: What did Jesus mean by saying he did not come to bring peace, but to turn a man against his father and a daughter against her mother? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones:* Matthew 10:30-31 “And even the very hairs of your head are numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”
 Older ones: Matthew 9:37b-38 “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

TEEN THOUGHT:

A lot of people are quick to remember that Jesus said, “Do not judge, or you too will be judged” to support their view of an all-tolerant God. While Jesus has unlimited patience (1 Timothy 1:16), this passage of scripture warns that Jesus did not come simply to bring peace, but that he will disown, and we should be afraid of the One who can destroy both body and soul in hell. How can we match up these differing messages of Jesus? How can we be the workers that take this message to the harvest field? What type of reception will we receive?

TIPS FOR TEACHING

Some topics for potential study – some of the scriptures below support these.

1. How to spread the gospel of Christ – what have you seen work effectively?
2. Do not be afraid... of “them”. What does it mean to “fear” the Lord?
3. While this passage may question us how we can do more, Jesus reminds us that he wants most from us is to acknowledge him, receive him, own him, and love him. How do these relate and differ?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE: Col 4:2-6; 1 Pet 3:8-16; Matt 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Acts 3:14-41; Acts 8:4-8, 8:9-17, 8:26-40; Acts 14:1-7; Acts 18:24-28; Acts 26:1-29; 2 Tim 3:10-4:8; Deut 6:1-25; 2 Sam 23:1-4; 2 Chr 26:1-5, 16-21; Psalm 19; Psalm 33; Proverbs 1:1-7, 8:1-36; Eccl 12:1-14; 2 Cor 5:11-21; Php 2:12-18; 1 Jn 4:15-5:5; Jude 17-25; Rev 14:6-7; John 21:1-19