



# Matthew

## Lesson 10

*The focus of Jesus' ministry thus far has been to accomplish several priorities: to present the gospel of the kingdom to those who are truly willing to accept it, to present Himself as the only access to that kingdom by the will of His Father, to identify the hypocrisy and error of the religious leaders, and to train His disciples to take over the ministry when Jesus was no longer physically with them. The miracles established His power, authority, and*

*compassion. His teaching revealed His knowledge of God and His Word and identified the severe errors that had been made in interpreting the Torah. Both of those were to give clear identification of the true nature of God the Father, and the divine anointing given to Jesus as the Messiah. Now that He had spent time teaching and modeling these things to His disciples, it was time to send them on their first mission.*

Read Chapter 10

1. *The word "authority" in Matthew 10:1 means "capacity, competency, or efficiency." What do you think happened within each of the disciples when Jesus gave them His authority?*
  
2. *How does Matthew identify these 12 in verse 2, and why do you think that is?*
  
3. *Summarize the instructions He gave them. Vs. 5-15*





*The call of discipleship was very different in the culture of the New Testament than it is today. The roles of women limited them to certain areas of ministry. Jesus would not have expected women to do the same job He called His disciples to do. How does our culture expand or limit a woman's responsibility to fulfill her call to discipleship? Does this ever cause confusion for you as a Christian in this culture?*

*10. In Mark 8:34-38 Jesus repeats the high cost of discipleship. What situation in Mark 8:31-33 prompts Jesus to give them this reminder?*



*Jesus asks much from those who would follow Him. To be a disciple, one has to be willing to consider the cost. A disciple has to give total obedience to the one he is following. When we choose to do things our own way, we are no longer following Christ but have become independent of God and indifferent to the responsibilities of discipleship.*

*11. Have you considered the cost of following Christ? What do you think could be some of the cost for you to follow Him fully?*

***Prayer requests:***

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***Group time notes:***

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