

Matthew 10:11-15 Mission Work in Israel

Introduction: Mark tells us that the twelve were sent out two by two. That is, there were six evangelistic missionary teams. In our text Jesus gives them instructions how to carry out their mission. He also sounds out a warning about the terrible judgment awaiting those who reject their message.

I. The procedure to be used in securing a base of operation.

- A. The apostles divided up into six teams. (There is no Bible record of who teamed with whom.)
- B. A pair of apostles would enter a city of Israel.
- C. The apostles would first inquire who in the city is of good reputation and who is God fearing. Verse 11a
- D. Jesus said "...there abide...". Verse 11b
 1. This implies that they would stay only if they had the consent of the man of the house.
 2. The apostles would propose: "We are sent here by Jesus Christ to preach the gospel in this town. Would you like to put us up while we are here?"

II. The opportunity to the household.

- A. This afforded the householder an opportunity to be saved. (The apostles would present the gospel to both he and his family.)
- B. It afforded him the opportunity to share in the preaching of the gospel to the area.
- C. It offered him the opportunity to have the special blessings of God upon his house. Verse 12-13a
- D. That opportunity was passed up if the householder refused to take the apostles in. Verse 13b. (He proved himself unworthy by declining.)

III. The warning of judgment. Verse 14-15

- A. If a householder declined the apostles and their message he would face the terrible judgment of God.
- B. A similar judgment would await the city that would reject them.
- C. It is to be presumed that many received them and that some rejected them.

IV. The results of the mission effort.

- A. Many were saved.
- B. Mission bases were established in several cities of Israel.

Conclusion: Today God has established this church to preach the gospel. (He set me here as pastor.) I now preach the gospel to you who are unsaved.

If you will trust Jesus and be saved you will have the peace of God. Your family will also have better opportunity to be saved. I call on you now to trust Jesus.

But if you will not trust Jesus the terrible judgment of God awaits you. (And maybe your family.)

God offers us who are saved an opportunity to support His work with labor and finance, to preach the gospel here in our area and in the world. This church will have His blessings as we are faithful to the task.

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