



Life Guide – Closer Look

Applying God's Word to Life

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(Matthew 9:35 – 10:8)

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

10 He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

1. Name the people in your life who shared the gospel with you. Say a prayer of thanks for God’s work through them.
2. Summarize the good news of the kingdom that Jesus preached, and that he calls on his followers to proclaim.
3. What might be a key Bible verse or two you try to remember as you stand ready to share the Word with others?
4. Describe Jesus’ work in verse 35-36 and his disciples mission in 10:1, 7-8. What might we learn about reaching the lost in these verses?

5. What do you know about each of the 12 apostles listed?

Simon Peter

Andrew

James son of Zebedee

John

Philip

Bartholomew

Thomas

Matthew

James son of Alphaeus

Thaddaeus

Simon the Zealot

Judas Iscariot

6. How much should we pay called workers (pastors, teachers, missionaries, etc)? What guidelines does Scripture give?
7. Where do you see yourself fitting on Jesus’ harvest team?