

## Jesus Teaching on Evangelism

Scripture Text: Matthew 10

- 1) Jesus was the greatest evangelist that ever walked the face of the earth.
- 2) Thousands flocked to Him to hear His teaching.
- 3) Jesus has given us some great instruction on how to evangelize others.
- 4) He gave this instruction to his disciples in Matthew 10.
- 5) Let's see if we can learn a few things about how to evangelize from Him.

### **I. GET OTHERS INVOLVED (MATTHEW 10:1-4).**

1. Jesus chose 12 men to help him evangelize the "lost sheep of the house of Israel."
2. Jesus sent out the disciples by twos, not ones – Mark 6:7.
3. We need to get others involved – 2 Timothy 2:2.
4. Large tasks take more than one person to accomplish – Matthew 28:18-20.

### **II. KNOW YOUR OBJECTIVE (MATTHEW 10:5-6).**

1. Jesus had a target audience in mind – the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
2. Sometimes we think of evangelism as just a casual, informal act, but it doesn't have to be.
3. Evangelism can be directed and intentional.
4. Look at Acts 16:6-10 – The Holy Spirit was very specific about where He wanted Paul and the others to go.
5. We can do the same thing by deciding who we are going to evangelize and go after them.
6. We can focus our evangelistic efforts upon the poor, children, mature adults, college age, high school, ethnic groups, other family members, etc.

### **III. HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY (MATTHEW 10:7-8).**

1. Jesus gave His disciples something to do and told them what to say.
2. He told them to preach saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."
3. He also gave them something to do, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons."
4. He also gave them the principle on which to do it, "Freely you have received, freely give."
5. The doing was based upon giving.
6. Our message today is the gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

7. We are also to give to others (Galatians 6:10).
8. Let's get out there and tell others about Jesus and His word.

#### **IV. TRUST GOD TO PROVIDE (MATTHEW 10:9-10).**

1. Jesus told the disciples not to take any money, clothes, or food.
2. They would be gone for several weeks as they went out and preached.
3. However, they were to trust that God would provide.
4. One of the biggest obstacles to evangelism is that we do not trust in God.
5. Proverbs 3:5-6.
6. Matthew 6:33
7. If we will trust in God, God will work great things through us.

#### **V. KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH OBJECTIONS (11-15).**

1. Many objections are requests for more information.
  - 1) We need to use wisdom to discern.
  - 2) People may want specialized information.
  - 3) We have tracts to address some of these requests.
2. Not everyone is going to receive the message of the gospel.
  - 1) The parable of the Sower says some will not receive the gospel (Matthew 13:3-9).
  - 2) So, we need to know how to deal with objections when we share the gospel.
3. Jesus knew that some would not receive his disciples.
  - 1) He told them that some would and that they would support them for their work.
  - 2) However, for those who would not, Jesus didn't command the disciples to beg and plead with them.
  - 3) His words were to move on to those who will listen.
- 4) Matthew 7:6

#### **VI. ANTICIPATE REJECTION (16-26).**

1. Some will be taken to court because of preaching the gospel (16-20).
  - 1) Peter and John stood before the Sanhedrim counsel on more than one occasion.
  - 2) They declared, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).
  - 3) Paul said: 2 Corinthians 11:23

2. Some will be rejected and betrayed by their own families (21-23).
  - 1) Jesus said he didn't come to bring peace, but a sword (Matthew 10:34-37).
  - 2) Those who do not love truth will persecute those who preach it.
3. Their rejection of you is actually a rejection of Jesus, so don't take it personally (24-26).
  - 1) Christ is the teacher, and we are servants.
  - 2) We cannot afford to let fear motivate us, but love.
  - 3) 1 John 4:18

**VII. BE COURAGEOUS (27-39).**

1. We must preach the truth openly – Acts 5:42
2. We must understand that God knows what is happening in our lives –Hebrews 13:5-6
3. We must confess publicly that Jesus is the Christ (Romans 1:16)

**VIII. REMEMBER THAT GOD REWARDS (40-42).**

1. Those that receive the message, receive Christ Jesus and His Father.
2. Jesus will not forget our labors for him – Hebrews 6:10
3. He sees even the smallest act of evangelism.
4. Remember Dorcas/Tabitha (Acts 9:39).

Jesus taught us how to evangelize.

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| 1) We need to get others involved.            | 2) We need to know our objective and pursue it.           |
| 3) We have something to say, so let's say it. | 4) We need to trust in God to provide, so let's get busy. |
| 5) Know how to deal with objections.          | 6) Expect rejection.                                      |
| 7) Be courageous.                             | 8) Remember that God rewards the faithful.                |

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