

1. They go where they are sent. (5-6)

1. What are the characteristics of the people that God has sent you to? (Spirituality? Education? Political views? Marriage and Family? Sexuality? Economic?) Where do you share common ground? How does the gospel confront the belief system of our culture?

2. They say what they are sent to say. 7-9

2. Jesus sent the disciples out with this message, "The kingdom of Heaven is at hand." What does that mean? How are you translating that message to the people to whom you are sent? How does that message comfort or confront political victories or defeats?

3. They are unencumbered by stuff of this world. 10

3. Why do you think Jesus did not allow the disciples to take provisions on their journey? How have material things hindered you from fulfilling the call to missions? Do you fear God will not provide for you if you go where God wants you to go?
4. Have you lost a sense of gratefulness that the gospel was freely delivered to you?

4. They leave the results to God. 11-15

5. How does a high view of God's sovereignty in salvation fuel missions? What hope does Revelation 5:9-10 give those who distribute the gospel?

5. They expect opposition. 16-25

6. Who are the wolves? In what practical ways can you be as wise as a serpent in your relationships?
7. Have you ever sensed God was giving you words in response to opposition?

6. They have a theology that crushes fear. 26-31

8. Do you fear hell? How does the reality of hell motivate you to distribute the gospel?

7. They value Christ above all. 32-39

9. Do you have family member who do not know Christ? How has your love for Christ put you in a position where you have to choose who or what you love most?

8. They are confident in God's ability to reward. 40-42

10. What is the reward for those who share the sufferings of Christ?
11. You may not know where to start as missionary. Yet Jesus said there is even a reward for quenching the thirst of a child. What are you doing to get outside of yourself and meet the needs of others? What are "next steps" that you can take to be more engaged in distributing the gospel?

Additional Scripture

- Romans 15:8-9
- Psalm 67:3-4
- Psalm 97:1
- Revelation 5:9
- Revelation 15:3-4
- Matthew 24:14