



Empowered Mission: Lessons from Jesus Sending the Twelve



Explore Jesus' sending of the twelve apostles, focusing on mission, reliance on God, and the authority given to believers to carry His message.

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Introduction

Jesus' sending out of the twelve apostles marks a profound moment in the Gospels, where mission, dependence on God, and spiritual authority converge. In *Matthew 10:1–15*, we see Jesus empower His closest followers to step into the world with purpose and divine backing. This commission invites us to examine what it means to live sent by Christ – not by our own might but in God's strength and authority.

As believers today, we often wrestle with questions about our role in God's mission. How do we carry the Gospel with confidence? What does dependence on God look like in active ministry? How can we embrace the authority Jesus gives without pride or fear? This study will help you unpack these themes through Scripture and reflection.

Throughout this week, you'll journey through the account of Jesus sending the twelve, discover the keys to their mission, and see how their experience applies to your own walk of faith. **Be encouraged** to lean into God's power, carry the message of hope boldly, and grow in the authority Christ entrusts to you.

Prepare your heart for transformation and purpose as we dig into this vital gospel passage together.





Day 1: ✨ Commissioned and Empowered



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Your Verse

Matthew 10:1 - "Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 9:1 - "When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases."*
- *Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."*



Day 1: ✨ Commissioned and Empowered

Devotional: Called and Given Authority to Serve

Jesus didn't just send out His followers; He equipped them. Matthew 10:1 highlights that they were given authority to cast out demons and heal diseases. This authority wasn't for personal glory but for extending God's Kingdom on earth. It's a reminder that when God sends us out, He also empowers us.

As modern believers, we often underestimate the authority and power we've been given. The commission of the twelve challenges us to step out boldly, knowing God's Spirit is with us. But this empowerment requires faith and obedience – trusting that God equips what He commands.

Reflect on how God has called you. Do you recognize His authority working through your life? Remember that the mission is His, and He provides all you need to fulfill it.



Day 1: ✨ Commissioned and Empowered

Reflect and Apply

1. How do I perceive the authority God has given me through Jesus?

2. What fears or doubts hold me back from stepping fully into God's mission?

3. In what ways has God already equipped me to serve others?



Day 1: ✨ Commissioned and Empowered

Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a time you felt empowered by God to help or encourage someone.

2. Write down scriptures that remind you of God's authority and power in your life.

3. List areas where you want to grow in dependence on God's strength.



Day 1: ✨ Commissioned and Empowered

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for equipping me with Your authority and power. Help me to trust in Your strength rather than my own. Teach me to walk boldly in the mission You've given, fully relying on Your Spirit's leading and provision each day. May I serve with humility and confidence, knowing You go before me and enable every step. *Amen.* 🙏 ✨ 💪 🙏





Day 2: Dependence on God Alone



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Your Verse

Matthew 10:9-10 - "Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts—no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff..."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Philippians 4:19 - "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."*
- *Psalms 121:2 - "My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."*



Day 2: 🌿 Dependence on God Alone

Devotional: Trusting God's Provision on Mission

Jesus' instructions to the twelve to travel lightly (Matthew 10:9-10) emphasize profound dependence on God's provision. They were called to leave behind material safety nets and trust God to meet their needs through the generosity of others and His divine care.

This model counters our modern tendency to self-sufficiency and control. God invites us into a mission where trust and faith replace security and planning. Dependence on God doesn't mean passivity but active reception — waiting expectantly and stepping forward knowing He provides.

Are you carrying heavy burdens or preparing for every outcome alone? What would it look like to release your grip and walk in daily dependence on God? Let this teaching challenge you to embrace God's provision as part of your mission mindset.



Day 2: 🌿 Dependence on God Alone

Reflect and Apply

1. What things do I rely on instead of God when facing challenges?

2. How does God's provision in the past encourage you to trust Him now?

3. In what ways can I simplify my life to depend more fully on God?



Day 2: 🌿 Dependence on God Alone

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time God provided unexpectedly in your life.

2. List things you feel called to release into God's hands.

3. Reflect on how dependence on God transforms your outlook on daily challenges.



Day 2: 🌿 Dependence on God Alone

Prayer for Today

God, teach me to depend on You in all circumstances. Help me to let go of worry and control, trusting that You will supply my every need. Strengthen my faith to step out without fear, knowing You walk with me and provide through Your love and people. May I fully rely on Your promises today and always. *Amen.* 🌿 ❤️ 🙏 🌈





Day 3: 🖋️ Authority to Heal and Proclaim



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Your Verse

Matthew 10:7-8 - "As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Mark 16:17-18 - "...they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*
- *John 14:12 - "Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing—and they will do even greater things."*



Devotional: Proclaim and Demonstrate God's Kingdom

Jesus gave the twelve clear authority not only to preach but to demonstrate the Kingdom through healing and miracles. Their mission had words and works intertwined to authenticate God's power at work.

Today, believers continue this dual call – to proclaim the Good News and to bring tangible hope where there is brokenness. Healing can be physical, emotional, or spiritual. The authority Jesus imparts equips followers to minister wholistically.

Reflect on your ministry areas. Are you relying on God's authority to bring transformation? How might you partner with God to meet deep needs around you? Jesus calls you to pray and act boldly, confident that His power works through His followers.



Day 3: 🕊 Authority to Heal and Proclaim


Reflect and Apply

1. Do I believe I have authority from Jesus to heal and help others?

2. How can I actively proclaim the Kingdom in my daily life?

3. Where might God be calling me to bring healing through prayer or action?



Day 3:  Authority to Heal and Proclaim

Journaling Prompts

1. Describe ways God has worked through you or others to bring healing.

2. Write a prayer asking God to show you how to proclaim His Kingdom where you are.

3. List specific situations or people you want to pray for healing and hope.



Day 3: 🕊 Authority to Heal and Proclaim

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, empower me to proclaim Your Kingdom with authority. Help me bring Your healing and hope to those in need. May Your power flow through me, transforming lives and glorifying You. Teach me to rely on Your Spirit's guidance as I serve. *Amen.* 🕊 ✨ 🙏 ❤️





Day 4: Facing Opposition with Faith



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Your Verse

Matthew 10:16 – "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."

Supporting Scriptures

- *John 15:20 – "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."*
- *2 Timothy 3:12 – "In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."*



Day 4:  Facing Opposition with Faith

Devotional: Wise and Innocent in the Midst of Trials

Jesus prepared the twelve for opposition, warning them of the dangers ahead. The mission involves risk, yet He modeled a balance of shrewdness and innocence – wise in strategy but pure in heart.

As followers today, we too face opposition in various forms: rejection, misunderstanding, or spiritual attacks. God's Word encourages us to be wise and discerning, but also gentle and blameless. Faith does not guarantee ease but promises God's presence amid trials.

Reflect on challenges you face in your calling or faith journey. How can you embrace God's wisdom and purity? What steps can you take to stay rooted in faith while navigating opposition?



Day 4:  Facing Opposition with Faith

Reflect and Apply

1. Where have I experienced opposition or hardship for my faith?

2. How do I balance wisdom and innocence in difficult situations?

3. What can I learn from Jesus' example when facing opposition?



Day 4:  Facing Opposition with Faith

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you responded well to opposition with faith.

2. List strategies to remain both wise and innocent in conflict.

3. Pray for courage and integrity in upcoming challenges.



Day 4: 🛡️ Facing Opposition with Faith

Prayer for Today

Father, help me to be wise as I face opposition. Grant me innocence and purity of heart to respond as Jesus did. Strengthen my faith through trials and remind me You are always with me. May I stand firm in Your truth despite challenges. *Amen.* 🛡️ 🙏 💡 ✌️





Day 5: 🏠 Hospitality and Community



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Your Verse

Matthew 10:11-13 - "...find a house to stay in until you leave that town... Peace to this house!"

Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 12:13 - "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."*
- *Hebrews 13:2 - "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers."*



Day 5: 🏠 Hospitality and Community

Devotional: Opening Doors Through Hospitality

Jesus instructed the twelve to depend on the hospitality of those willing to receive them. This shows the importance of community and mutual support in God's mission.

Hospitality opens doors both physically and spiritually. For missionaries, it provided safety and a platform to share the Gospel. For us, being both guests and hosts in God's family fosters unity and encourages faith growth.

Consider how your own spiritual journey has been impacted by community and hospitality. How can you extend or receive hospitality as part of God's mission today?



Day 5: 🏠 Hospitality and Community

Reflect and Apply

1. How has hospitality influenced my faith and mission?

2. Am I willing to receive others in love and openness?

3. In what ways can I practice hospitality in my community?



Day 5: 🏠 Hospitality and Community

Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a time when hospitality deeply affected you.

2. Write down practical ways to show hospitality this week.

3. Reflect on how community strengthens your mission efforts.



Day 5: 🏠 Hospitality and Community

Prayer for Today

Lord, teach me the power of hospitality in Your Kingdom. Help me be generous with my time and space, welcoming others as You welcome me. May community and connection grow through my openness, glorifying You in every relationship. *Amen.* 🏠 ❤️ 🙏 🤝





Day 6: Proclaiming the Kingdom Boldly



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Your Verse

Matthew 10:27 - "What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Acts 4:31 - "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."*
- *2 Timothy 1:7 - "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."*



Day 6: 🔥 Proclaiming the Kingdom Boldly

Devotional: Courage to Share the Gospel Openly

Jesus urged the twelve to proclaim boldly what had been revealed to them. This call extends to all believers: the gospel is not meant to be hidden but shared openly and courageously.

Bold proclamation requires dependence on the Holy Spirit and overcoming fear. It's about loving others enough to share the truth clearly, even when risky.

Ask yourself, where might God be prompting you to speak boldly? Consider how the Spirit empowers you to overcome hesitation for the sake of the Kingdom.



Day 6: 🔥 Proclaiming the Kingdom Boldly

Reflect and Apply

1. What fears keep me from sharing my faith boldly?

2. How is the Holy Spirit equipping me to proclaim God's Word?

3. What practical steps can I take toward boldness in witness?



Day 6: 🔥 Proclaiming the Kingdom Boldly

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you courageously shared your faith.

2. List scriptures that encourage boldness in evangelism.

3. Journal your prayer for courage to speak openly this week.



Day 6: 🔥 Proclaiming the Kingdom Boldly

Prayer for Today


Holy Spirit, fill me with boldness to proclaim Your truth. Cast out fear and hesitation, and inspire me to share the gospel with love and clarity. May my life and words bring glory to Jesus and draw others into Your Kingdom. *Amen.*





Day 7: Living Sent with Authority and Faith



Day 7:  Living Sent with Authority and Faith


Your Verse

Matthew 10:14-15 - "If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet."

Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 5:20 - "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors..."*
- *John 20:21 - "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*



Day 7:  Living Sent with Authority and Faith

Devotional: Faithful Ambassadors in God's Mission

The mission Jesus gave to the twelve included discerning when to stay and when to move on. Not everyone will receive the message, and believers are called to proceed faithfully without discouragement.

Living sent means embracing God's authority to represent Him well, even when facing rejection. It is a call to trust God's timing and sovereignty, knowing the mission continues beyond us.

As you close this study, reflect on your role as a sent one. How can you live daily with the authority and dependence Jesus modeled? What next steps is God nudging you toward in obedience and faith?




Reflect and Apply

1. How do I respond to rejection or closed doors in ministry?

2. What does it mean to be Christ's ambassador in my context?

3. How can I trust God's timing and authority in my mission?



Day 7:  Living Sent with Authority and Faith


Journaling Prompts

1. Write about experiences where you faced rejection in your faith walk.


2. Journal ways you can represent Christ more effectively this week.

3. Pray for discernment to know when to persist and when to move on.



Day 7:  Living Sent with Authority and Faith

Prayer for Today

Father God, help me live as a faithful ambassador for Jesus. Teach me to trust Your authority, embrace Your mission, and rely on Your wisdom in all situations. When faced with rejection, strengthen my heart and guide me in Your timing. Use me for Your glory every day. *Amen.*    





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