

Chapter Ten

The Ministry of the Disciples

I. Introduction to Chapter 10

- A. Jesus is still up in the Galilee area – this is the area that most of His ministry involved
- B. All of the disciples/Apostles came from this area (Acts 2:7)
- C. This chapter marks the calling and empowering of the Twelve Apostles, and the kind of life that they were going to lead.

II. Lesson - **The Ministry of the Disciples** (9:36 – 11:30)

A. **Jesus Chooses Twelve Specific Disciples to Be His Apostles** (10:1-4)

1. There were thousands of _____ followers – disciples who came for the excitement and free food
2. There were hundreds of _____ followers – disciples who came for the word of God
3. But there were only twelve who were faithful and were specifically _____ by Jesus for a higher purpose than just following Him
4. It was THESE twelve that Jesus would make into Apostles
5. **The Ladder** – what made a person eligible to be an Apostle? Like a triangle
 - a. Out of a world full of _____ (Mark 2:17)
 - b. From those sinners, Jesus looked for _____ – soft, and broken by the preaching of John the Baptist, ready for a Saviour – in desperate need
 - c. Out of those seekers, Jesus sought for _____ – Disciples – Followers, willing to leave everything, so that they could be with Jesus.
 - d. From those disciples, _____ were chosen – Specially called by Jesus Christ
 - 1) There were tens of thousands of disciples
 - 2) Only 12 were specifically chosen by Jesus
 - 3) Those 12 were supernaturally empowered to do miracles
 - e. What made these twelve into Apostles?
 - 1) Personally called by Jesus Christ (“_____”)
 - 2) They were Jews
 - 3) They were specially “empowered”
 - 4) They were to lay the foundation for the New Testament Church
 - 5) Their Apostolic Power ended at death
6. **The List** – there are four places where all the apostles are listed (Matt 10:2,3; Luke 6:14-16; Mk 3:16-19; Acts 1:13-26)
 - a. _____, who is called Peter, and sometimes, Cephas
 - b. _____ his brother
 - c. _____, a son of Zebedee, also known as the sons of Thunder
 - d. _____, a son of Zebedee, also known as the sons of Thunder
 - e. _____
 - f. Bartholomew, also known as _____
 - g. _____ the publican (tax collector), also known as Levi
 - h. _____ the son of Alphaeus
 - i. _____, whose surname was _____, and also known as _____, the brother of James, all three being sons of Alphaeus
 - j. _____, also called Dydimus, known as the Doubter
 - k. _____ the Canaanite, known as the Zealot
 - l. _____, the betrayer, or Traitor (See John 6:70,71)
 - m. _____ – who later becomes Paul the twelfth Apostle

7. **The Links** – the relationships - the Lord didn't just call individuals, but brothers – people who grew up together, and learned to lean upon each other
- a. Four sets of Brothers
 - 1) Peter and Andrew were brothers – as a matter of fact, Andrew was the first one to meet Jesus, and respond to His call. It was Andrew who then went and got Peter to come meet Jesus
 - 2) James and John
 - 3) Philip and Bartholomew
 - 4) Matthew, and James, and Judas – sons of Alphaeus
 - b. Four Individuals
 - 1) Thomas
 - 2) Simon Zelotes
 - 3) Judas Iscariot
 - 4) Saul of Tarsus
8. **The Leaders**
- a. There were three key men, that were the leaders – _____, _____, and _____
 - 1) Notice the circumstances
 - a) Mount of Transfiguration (Mt 17:1,2)
 - b) Revealing of the coming Tribulation (Mr 13:3,4)
 - c) Prayed with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mr 14:33)
 - d) Watched Jesus heal Jarius' daughter (Mr 5:37,38)
 - e) Represented the Apostles, and all disciples (Acts 4:13)
 - 2) These three were in the forefront of all that was going on
 - a) Peter, constantly interacting with Jesus
 - b) James – gave his life in Acts 12 – picked out by Herod because of being a leader
 - c) John – leaned upon Jesus' breast, wrote the Gospel of John, and Revelation
 - b. There are three levels of commitment
 - 1) The _____ – close fellowship with Jesus
 - 2) The Normal, _____ ones – only do what is expected
 - 3) The _____ – always watching, and doubting, and looking for things to fail
 - 4) This seems to always be true in any human organisation
 - c. Concepts of Leadership and organisation
 - 1) Godly Leaders are MADE not born
 - 2) Godly Leaders are only Human
 - 3) Godly Leaders lead a mix of people – never a pure group
 - 4) Nobody should be content where they are – why?
 - a) Nature settles at the bottom
 - b) God takes from the bottom and raises us to the top
 - c) Only through desire and hard work can anybody be different
9. **The Limit** – _____
- a. Some Numerology here
 - b. Numbers in the Bible have meaning
 - 1) Five – the number of death
 - 2) Seven – the number of perfecting

- 3) Eight – new beginnings
- 4) One – unity
- c. The Number Twelve – the number of government
 - 1) Twelve tribes of Israel
 - 2) Twelve months in a year – Jewish concept held universally
 - 3) Jesus was twelve when seen in the Temple
 - 4) Twelve Apostles – that’s all
- d. How do we know there are only Twelve Apostles (Rev 21:14)
10. **The Logic** – Purpose for God having the Apostles (Eph 4:11,12)
 - a. They had a special place in God’s program
 - b. They were the New Testament _____ that would speak the words of God, and write them down, and define just what Christianity would be (Acts 2:42)
 - c. They were the ones who would supernaturally establish the New Testament Church in this world in their life-time
- B. Jesus sends out His Twelve with Special Powers and Instructions (10:5-15) The Life of an Apostle**
 1. What were their ministries?
 - a. Sent Forth – hence the word “_____”
 - 1) At first not to any Gentile – even though He did sometimes deal with some Gentiles
 - 2) Or even to the Samaritans
 - 3) Later he would direct His disciples to both Jews and Gentiles (Rom 1:16)
 - 4) Christ’s FIRST calling was to His own people (John 1:10,11; Mt 1:21)
 - 5) Refers to the whole nation – even though the 10 Northern tribes had been dispersed – Israel as a 12 tribe nation will be restored because of Jesus Christ
 - 6) Israel was referred to as “_____”
 - b. Preaching (10:7)
 - 1) The coming kingdom of heaven – “_____”
 - 2) Different than the Kingdom of God – the Gospel of the grace of God
 - c. Restoring (10:8) – restoring the work of the devil (John 10:10)
 - 1) Healing sick – all manner of sicknesses
 - 2) Cleansing lepers
 - 3) Raising the dead – the Apostles were given THIS power
 - 4) Cast out devils – last on the list, and yet CFharismatics put it first, because it is easy to counterfeit!
 - d. Praying (Acts 6:4) – praying is a ministry
 - e. House to House (10:11; Mk 1:38; Act 2:46; 5:42)
 2. All for Free (10:8b)
 3. All by Faith (10:9,10)
 4. _____ (10:16)
 - a. Apostles had great power – like Elijah did (2Kings 1:10; Lk 9:54; 10:17,20)
 - b. So, be wise and not a brute – wise as serpents
 - c. Harmless as doves – the Holy Spirit is very harmless, physically
 - d. Even though you will live surrounded by danger, don’t EVER be a threat – only to the devil!
- C. Beware (10:17-39) – Be on Guard**
 1. Beware of _____ (10:17-27)
 - a. Satan HAS to try and stop you from destroying HIS kingdom of darkness

- 1) They will unnaturally _____ you and falsely accuse you and take you to court and try and silence you and stop you from the ministry
 - 2) So Satan will “scourge” you in religious institutions – the Spanish Inquisition
 - 3) The religious will bring Christians before governors and KINGS
- b. But it will be all for a _____!!!
- c. Beware of your own family (10:21)
- 1) Putting pressures on you to turn away
 - 2) To the death!!!
- d. We will be hated because of Jesus!!! (10:22)
- e. “ _____ ” (10:22)
- 1) Tribulation concept – not for today
 - 2) Ending until the end of *something* that was just before the kingdom of heaven – the millennium (10:7). See also 10:23b; 24:13
- f. Keep Moving (10:23) Go into every city – specifically only in Israel (Cf Mt 28:19; Titus 1:5)
2. Beware of _____ (10:24-36)
- a. Jesus is our example of facing troubles
 - b. Don’t be afraid of being forgotten
 - 1) Nothing will be covered over – God will make sure justice takes place
 - 2) What Jesus taught quietly must be spoken in light – not secretly – NO SECRET SOCIETIES OF JESUS!
- c. Don’t fear _____ (10:28-31)
- 1) Men kill bodies but are not able to kill the soul
 - 2) Fear ONLY the One who can kill both body and soul in hell
 - a) Doctrine of hell
 - b) Doctrine of the soul
 - c) Many religions use this verse to teach “ _____ ”
 - d) See Rev 14:9-11
 - 3) God cares! For even birds and more for YOU! Your very hairs are numbered, and noticed when they fall out!!!
- d. Don’t fear _____ (10:32-39)
- D. Be a _____ in this World (10:40-42)**
1. Committed Christians are Christ’s Gift to a Community – Such a vital truth!!!
 2. Be to the world what Jesus was
- E. All of the above is what a Christian is to be, just without the miraculous powers**
1. Some things HAVE changed
 - a. We NOW have to work, and raise financial support to do evangelism (Cf Lk 22:35-38)
 - b. We no longer have supernatural powers to heal, etc (2Tim 4:20)
 2. But some things have not changed in Christ’s Commission!
 - a. We are ALL sent forth
 - b. We are all to preach and teach
 - c. We are all supposed to be in the restoration business
 - d. We are to do it by prayer
 - e. We are to still go house to house
 - f. We are supposed to be a blessing
 - g. We are supposed to do what we do for free in our community
 - h. We are supposed to do everything by faith, not by sight
 - i. We are especially be harmless