

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 21, 2015

Passage: Mark 6:7-13

Memory Passage: Mark 6:10-11

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 6:7-13.** Why do you think Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs (i.e. what benefits did they reap)?
- (b) Why is it important that Jesus gives them authority over unclean spirits? Why are preaching and healing not mentioned?
- (c) Explain the relationship between Mark 1:17, 3:13-15, and our present text.
- (d) Why do you think Jesus sends the twelve out now, at this juncture in His ministry?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 6:7-13** What does Jesus command the apostles to leave behind when they go out? To take with them?
- (b) How did leaving these items behind affect the manner in which they ministered, and why is this important?
- (c) How are these instructions similar to the instructions given to Israel at the Passover (cf. Ex. 12:11)? How are the situations surrounding the instructions similar?
- (d) How does Matthew 10:11-13 help us more fully understand Mark 6:10?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Mark 6:7-13.** What would it look like for the apostles to be “received” (v. 11)? To be not “received?”
- (b) What should the apostles be saying to which the community must “listen,” and how would the apostles judge whether or not a community indeed “listens” to them?
- (c) What testimony would be given against them when the apostles shook the dust off their feet?
- (d) What does shaking the dust off of their feet symbolize for the community who does not receive or hear the apostles?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Mark 6:7-13, Matt. 10:5-15, & Luke 9:1-6.** Write down the details you learn in Matthew and Luke that Mark does not provide.
- (b) Write down the details you learn from Mark that Matthew & Luke do not provide.
- (c) How do Matthew and Luke help us better understand the situation as narrated by Mark?
- (d) How might we reconcile Mark’s command concerning sandals with Matthew’s, and Mark’s command to concerning a staff with Matthew and Luke’s?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Mark 6:7-13.** How are believers today to apply these verses? In an effort to fully answer that question, give answers to the following:

(b) Do believers today have the power as disciples to cast out demons and heal people? If so, how does this happen, and if not, why not?

(c) Are believers today required to leave their homes and go (“sent out”) preaching on the road (on a “journey”)? Why or why not? Are believers required to live lives of poverty (“no money”) and not prepare for needs (“no bread” & “no bag”)?

(d) How do believers today judge whether or not a person has “received” and “listened to” them, how do we know when to “shake the dust off” our feet, and what does that entail?

(e) In what other ways does this passage affect your daily life as a disciple on mission following Christ?

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