



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

What is your favorite Spring time scent?

What scent is maddening to you, that if you never smelled it again, it would still be too soon?

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 10

Sending the 12 disciples is an important moment. This demonstrates Jesus' own awareness that one, even as the Christ, will not be enough to bring about the fullness of God's kingdom. So Jesus starts with some on-the-job training for the 12. These directions, while given initially to just the 12, are now given to all who follow Jesus. These are your directions for bringing the Kingdom of God into the world today. Of course, we are not very good at being sent. We are much better at being gathered in, coming together for praise, and letting others do the work of being sent. Reading this list of instructions for going out is simply a tall order to ask of anyone.



Start the Thinking

We have all experienced the Gospel as a sword. It cuts out the sin that needs to be cut out, but it also has been wielded as a weapon, hurting those it is meant to release from captivity. Why is it that we tend to see the sword of the Gospel more as a weapon causing pain than a cutting blade setting those free from what holds them captive?



Conversing with God

God of the mission field, what you call us to is tough work. You were well aware of that as you sent 12 of Jesus' disciples to do ministry among those who would not receive that ministry so well. Still today, there are many who do not receive our ministry well, there are so many blockades to our proclaiming this message. Free us from what holds us captive, set us free to proclaim your word, without worry. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen



Be blessed

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine brightly upon you that you experience all God's grace. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen