

## Assignments on Matthew 10

Please read Matthew 10 (note parallels in other accounts) and answer these questions.

1. Whom did Jesus call, and what powers did He give them – 10:1?
2. List the names of the twelve apostles, and for each one name (if you can) something else you know about him – 10:2-4.
3. To whom were the twelve sent, and to whom were they not sent – 10:5,6? (Think: How did this compare to the Great Commission – Matthew 28:18-20?)
4. What message should they preach – 10:7? Who else had preached a similar message?
5. What should they do for people as they did this work of preaching – 10:8? According to other Scriptures, what purpose did these acts accomplish?
6. What is meant by the expression, “Freely you have received, freely give”? Does this mean preachers should never accept financial support? Explain.
7. What provisions would they not need on their travels – 10:9,10? What reason is given why they would not need these things?
8. Where else do the Scriptures cite the concept that a worker is worthy of his food? What lesson is taught by this concept?

**9. Special Assignment:** List ways in which these instructions were temporary and limited. How do they differ from instructions given later to gospel preachers and teachers?

10. How should they arrange for a place to stay as they traveled – 10:11? What lessons can we learn about hospitality and support of preachers?

11. How should they treat the household where they might enter – 10:12,13? Explain.

12. What should they do when people would not receive them or their message? How does Jesus describe the consequences to those people – 10:14,15? Explain.

13. How did Jesus illustrate the circumstances the apostles would face and how they should deal with them – 10:16? Explain the illustration.

14. **Application:** What should we learn from the illustrations that Jesus used?

15. What treatment should they expect to receive – 10:17? What should we learn?

16. What class of people would they face at times – 10:18? Why might such things happen?

17. What assurance did Jesus give them about the message they should speak in those cases – 10:19,20?

18. List other passages describing the direct guidance received from the Holy Spirit by inspired men.

19. **Special Assignment:** What can we learn from this discussion about the nature of direct guidance of the Holy Spirit?

20. What dangers would they face in their work – 10:21,22? Where else does the Bible discuss the problem of spiritual conflict within families?
21. How did Jesus say they should react to persecution – 10:22,23?
22. List other passages about the importance of enduring persecution.
23. What goal should a disciple pursue according to 10:24,25? What else do the verses say disciples will share in common with their master?
24. List other passages about the importance of imitating Jesus to be like Him.
25. What assurance did Jesus give in 10:26, and how did this relate to the discussion of persecution? What applications should we make?
26. What did the disciples do with the message Jesus gave them – 10:27? What lesson should we learn?
27. Whom should we fear? Whom should we not fear – 10:28? What reason is given?
28. What lessons should we learn about our eternal destinies, and the importance of spiritual things as compared to physical things?
29. How did Jesus illustrate God's care for His people – 10:29-31? How did this relate to the discussion of persecution?

**30. Application:** List other passages about God's care for his people. What lessons should we learn, and what assurance does this give us?

31. Define confess and deny – 10:32,33. What consequences do they lead to?

32. Special Assignment: List other passages about confession of Jesus. Explain whether confession is just something we do at the time of conversion or something we should continue to do throughout our lifetime.

33. What did Jesus say that He came to bring – 10:34? In what sense is it true that He did not come to bring peace? Explain His point.

34. What conflict did Jesus describe as a result of His teaching in 10:35,36? Explain why such conflicts might exist.

35. **Application:** What choice does Jesus say we must make according to 10:37, and what is the consequence? Describe situations in which Christians sometimes face this choice.

36. Who is not worthy of Jesus – 10:38? Where else are such points taught?

37. How does taking one's cross in verse 38 compare to losing his life for Christ in verse 39? What was the significance of the cross in the life of Jesus?

38. **Application:** Give applications of what it means to find one's life because he lost it for Christ as compared to losing one's life because he finds it.

39. Explain the principle that Jesus describes in 10:40 where He states that receiving His inspired teachers would be receiving Him, which in turn would be receiving the Father.

40. What does it mean to receive a prophet or a righteous man, and what rewards are offered – 10:41? What is meant in 10:42 by giving a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple?