

Matthew 9:35-11:1; Mark 6:6-34; Lk 9:6-11 - Daily Study Questions

4. In Matt 10:16-33 of what did Jesus warn His disciples (v17-18, 21-22, 24-25)? What principles did Jesus give them to deal with this (v16, 19-20, 22-23, 26, 27, 28-31, 32-33)?	
5. According to Matt 10:34-39 what did Jesus come to do (v34-36)? How are followers of Jesus supposed to respond to this (v37-38), and why (v39)?	
6. Look at Matt 10:40-42. What does Jesus promise (v40, 41, 42) and to whom (v40, 41, 42)? Why do you think He said this?	
7. Using Matt 11:1 and Luke 9:6 what three things did Jesus do after He had taught and sent out His disciples? How does this reveal the importance of the role of disciples?	
8. Read Mark 6:12-16. How effective were the disciples (v12-13)? What impact did this have (v14) and what were the explanations (v14-15, 16)? What does this all show?	
9. From Mark 6:17-29 describe the reason (v17-19, 20-23) and way (v24-28) that John the Baptist died. How does this further reveal the risk of being part of Jesus' "team"?	
10. Based on Mark 6:30-34 what did Jesus' disciples report about their mission (v30) and what did Jesus instruct (v31-32)? What interrupted this "get away" (v33) and why (v34)?	
11. Looking back over this new phase in Jesus' ministry, why did Jesus raise up disciples, how were they to live, and what were the results? What should disciples today do, and what should we expect.	

Scripture to Remember

"And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it."

Matthew 10:38-39 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—How to Win in 2010 (Ps 1:1-3)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. If you were going to tell your kids how to achieve "success", what would some of the elements be? Why do we want to achieve success?
2. Read Psalm 1:1-3. What 3 things must we guard ourselves against to be in God's blessing? How do we take in the "counsel of the ungodly" and identify it?
3. Why are the 2 bits of "Oprah" advice wrong—to just "follow your heart" and to just "follow your desires"? What should we do instead to be in God's blessing?
4. How do our actions (where we stand) relate to where we sit? Why do those who stand in the place of sinners become scoffers against God and His ways?
5. On the positive side what must be the focus of the man who is truly successful (v2)? How does a person become one who delights and deliberates in God's Word? What plan do you have in place to do this?
6. In everyday terms what does it look like to be a tree/person that is 1) planted 2) productive and 3) prosperous? What kind of prosperity does God give to us?
7. Talk about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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Jesus' one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In NASCAR racing circles nothing is done without a team concept. More than just a driver is required; there is a car, an engine, a pit crew, an owner, etc. This is the "team" and everyone knows that victory is not achievable alone. In this week's study we observe Jesus doing ministry as "team". He recruited, trained and commissioned His disciples to carry out His work alongside Him. This was important because not only would He leave soon, there was also too much ministry for one person to cover. As this section opens we see the responsibilities of discipleship. As the disciples saw the masses with Jesus' eyes they would feel compelled to shepherd them, providing for their spiritual needs and protecting them from spiritual predators. They were given author-

ity by Jesus to act like Him, casting out demons, healing, and preaching, primarily to the lost sheep of Israel. As they did they were to allow others to take care of them, blessing those who did and turning from those who refused. However, as they did this they could expect rejection from discipleship. Just like Jesus they would be persecuted in synagogues, brought before officials, and even be delivered to the authorities by their families. They were not to fear this, though; rather they were to simply say what the Spirit told them to say and trust that God, who even took care of the sparrows would take care of them. They must be willing to lose their lives for Jesus' sake, knowing that it would finally lead to their salvation. The results of their discipleship were substantial. Not only was

their mission successful, but their ministry enabled Jesus to preach and teach in other cities. Unfortunately, they were able to see that their end might be as John the Baptist's, who was murdered by Herod for his faith. Effectiveness in ministry not only scares unbelievers, but it also angers others; John experienced the wrath of Herod's wife and was beheaded. Because of this event and the mission trip of the disciples Jesus took them away alone to be restored. But the crowds found Him anyway; so, He continued to minister with "Team Jesus".

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(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Using Matt 9:35-38 what was Jesus' ongoing ministry (v35)? Why did this stir up compassion in Him (v36, 37) and what was His solution (v38)?</p>	
<p>2. Read Matt 10:1-8. What did Jesus authorize His disciples to do (v1-4) and where were they to do it (v5-6)? What else were they to do (v7-8) and why (v8)?</p>	
<p>3. From 10:9-15 how were the disciples to live on a day-to-day basis (v9-10, 11-13)? How were they to handle rejection (v14) and what would happen to those who rejected them (v15)?</p>	

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