

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Matthew 10:1-15

Getting Started

With which one of the Twelve Apostles do you most identify? Why?

Digging In

1. **Read Matthew 10:1-4.** Think back over the previous chapters. How had Jesus prepared the disciples to go out as apostles?
2. Briefly summarize what you know about each of the apostles listed in vss. 2-4.
3. What kinds of people did Jesus choose to be his apostles?
4. **Read Matthew 10:5-10.** In what way was the apostles' mission limited? What was the particular focus of their mission?
5. Why do you think their mission was to have a limited focus at this time? Was this always going to be the case? (cf. Matthew 28:18-20)
6. What was to be their message? What does this mean?
7. How does the message given to them compare with the message preached by John the Baptist and Jesus? (cf. 3:2; 4:17)
8. How else did their mission resemble that of Jesus? (v. 8)
9. Jesus told them to go out with minimal supplies. Does this apply to all preaching until Jesus returns? (cf. Luke 22:35-38)
10. **Read Matthew 10:11-15.** Why do you think Jesus told them to move on quickly if they weren't received in a certain place?



Getting Personal

- How do you see yourself – as a sinner or as a saint? (Note, according to the Bible, **all** Christians are saints.)
- What is the significance of 2 Cor 5:17 in terms of our self-identity, and in terms of being used by God?
- Do you believe that God can use you? (cf. Ephesians 2:10)
- Are you available for his use? Is anything standing in the way?