

Chapter 10

1. Compare Matt. 10:5-8 with Ezekiel 34, with which Jesus' disciples would have been very familiar. What do you think Jesus is saying between the lines to his disciples in Matt. 10:5-8?
2. In Ezekiel 34, God says, "I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them." How can this be if David was long since dead when Ezekiel wrote his prophecy?
3. Shaking the dust off one's feet was a custom practiced by the Pharisees when they left a ceremonially unclean Gentile area. Considering this, how might Jesus' instructions to his disciples in vs. 14 be provocative?
4. **Personal Sharing:** If you were in the group hearing Jesus' "pep talk" before being sent out (vs. 5-42), what are some of the things you might be anxious about? Which of Jesus' statements would give you courage or strength as you went out?
5. In vs. 38, Jesus mentions the cross for the first time. How do you think that statement affected the disciples?
6. What do you think someone who "loses his/her life for Jesus' sake" look like?

Chapter 11

7. Why do you think John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus the question in vs. 3?
8. Compare Jesus' answer in vs. 4-5 with Isaiah 35:5-6 and 61:1. What is Jesus' answer? Why do you think he answers this way?
9. Whom did Jesus say was greater in the kingdom of heaven than John the Baptist? What do you think this means?
10. In your own words, what does Jesus say about "this generation" in vs. 16-19?
11. Bottom line, what is Jesus' criticism of Korazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum in vs. 20-24?
12. Here and in chapter 10, verse 15, Jesus says, "it will be more bearable for" Tyre and Sidon, or Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for what particular behavior or attitude?
13. In vs. 28-30, Jesus addresses the weary and burdened. What burden do you think Jesus is talking about?
14. **Personal Sharing:** What is Jesus' yoke? In what way is it easy?

Sermon Notes

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