

Special Group Edition for
World Outreach Week | April 10, 2016



I Am Sending You Out | Matthew 10:16-20, 26-31, 40-42

Discuss: Have you ever been officially commissioned to do something? Please share.

I am Sent

Read Matthew 10:16-18.

Background for this passage:

Jesus sent His disciples out to do ministry multiple times.

- In today's passage, Matthew 10, He sends out the twelve disciples to Jewish towns.
- Another time, He sent out seventy-two disciples. "...sent them two by two... to every town and place where he was about to go." (Luke 10:1)
- A third "sending" is found in Matthew 28:19-20, after His resurrection, where He is sending His disciples to "all the world."

Let's look at several Scriptures and principles concerning being sent.

Jesus was sent.

[Q] According to John 17:2-3, who gave Jesus authority? What is the extent of His authority? Why was He sent?

Jesus sends you. Read Matthew 28:18-20 and John 15:16.

[Q] Where are Jesus' followers sent? To do what? What's the mission?

I am Certified

Read Matthew 10:19-20; 26-31.

[Q] Why are the disciples commanded not to fear? Have you ever been afraid to obey God? Please explain.

The fear of God is the fear that cancels fear.
Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*

[Q] What in this section might give you courage for speaking about Jesus? (Matthew 10:19-20; 26-31)?

Certified means “to be authorized, guaranteed, endorsed by a reliable source.” We are officially sanctioned to represent Jesus.

[Q] How is the Holy Spirit part of our certification? Read Romans 8:9 and John 14:26.

I am Rewarded

Read Matthew 10:40-42.

[Q] Jesus talks a lot about future rewards! Why do you think He does?

[Q] Knowing that this life is not all there is can be empowering, especially when being sent is costly. How does an eternal perspective help *you* to

- **Give** to God’s Kingdom work?
- **Pray** for our missionaries and their needs?
- **Go** where Jesus sends?

Read this quote by Os Guinness in *The Call*:

We are not *primarily* called to do something or go somewhere; we are called to Someone. We are not called first to special work but to God. The key to answering the call is to be devoted to no one and to nothing above God Himself.

[Q] How does being *called to* Jesus and being *sent by* Jesus work together in your life? What will that look like this week?

Pray

- For Valley people to give Faith Promises to support our sent missionaries
- For people to commit to pray for missionaries – pick up a prayer card or sign up online at valleycommunity.cc/ministries/outreach/prayerpartner
- For Businesses as Mission: Eggs Unlimited in Kyrgyzstan, Story Coffee Roasters in Turkey, Micro-finance loans in Ivory Coast
- For people to obey to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)