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Sermon Notes for February 19, 2023

“The Disciples’ Gift”

Sermon text: **Matthew 10: 1-8**: He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Old Testament Text: **Psalm 30:1-5** (p. 585); New Testament Text: **1 Peter 2:22-25** (p. 1295)

Read the sermon text above while listening to the message, then answer the following questions.

1. Why did Jesus’ disciples need the authority to *drive out evil spirits* as well as the authority to *heal every disease and sickness*?

Under the authority Jesus gave His disciples, what diseases and sicknesses were beyond their ability to heal?

When the disciples healed people, was the same power at work in them as was at work in Jesus when He healed people?

2. Why did Matthew feel compelled to list the name of every disciple who was given the authority to *drive out evil spirits* and to *heal every disease and sickness*?

Why did Jesus send the disciples out two by two?

3. According to **Matt. 10:7**, what message were the disciples to preach as they went out?

Why is that still the critical message for us to spread today?

4. Write the command Jesus gave His disciples in **Matt. 10:8**.

Why shouldn't the disciples (or us) be intimidated by that command?

5. Read **Matt. 28:18-20** (p. 1062). What is this passage of scripture called?

Did Jesus give this only to His original twelve disciples or did He give it to His entire Church?

Does it apply to you and me?

6. Complete the following definition.

A disciple is committed to:

- **Following** _____.
- **Being** _____ **by Jesus.**
- **Being on** _____ **for Jesus.**

7. Does that definition describe you?

8. What will you most remember from this message?