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SERIES: WHAT WE NEED NOW

Lesson 4: Great Commission Living

Text: Mark 6: 7-13

**Big Idea:** During the perplexing times in which we live, it is critical that we stay committed to the Great Commission. Telling others about Jesus should be a priority.

### Weekly Ministry Items

Announcements: \_\_\_\_\_

Outreach/Ministry Reports: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Time: \_\_\_\_\_

### Group Lesson Plan:

Paraphrase the Text: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the Text: \_\_\_\_\_

Facilitate Bible Study: \_\_\_\_\_

### Discussion Questions:

Icebreaker: Ask: "Is being a Christ-follower in modern day America easy or hard? Explain your answer." Say: Today, we are going to look at some challenges of being on mission for Christ from Mark 6. Our objective is to embrace the call of God to be Great Commission Christians by our obedience."

What is the context for our study passage (vv.1-6)? Verse 7 begins with a summons to the Twelve. What was the purpose of the summons? Why do you think they were sent out in pairs? By what authority were they sent out and what were the implications of that authority? Read Matthew 28: 18-20. Do you see any parallels? What are the implications for us? Where do you see yourself carrying out this mandate?

In verses 8 and 9 we find Mark's account of Jesus commissioning the Twelve. What was His instructions? Why would the Lord require of His disciples "to take nothing"? What specifically were they not to take with them? What were they to carry? What kingdom principles can we learn from this?

In verse 10, the disciples were given practical counsel on how to relate to the people to whom they ministered. What was Jesus' counsel? What ministry lessons can we learn from this?

Verse 11 addresses matters of opposition. How would you paraphrase what Jesus said? What does that look like practically? Have you ever encountered resistance to the gospel message from a non-believer? How did you deal with it?

What was the message of the disciples (v. 12)? What is repentance? What would you say to someone who has dismissed repentance as an out-of-date, unpalatable term? Is the message of repentance popular today? Why not? The message of repentance is what makes people see their need to believe. The gospel contains power that produces salvation (see Romans 1: 16).

How is the power of the gospel on full display in verse 13? The gospel's triumph over the demonic is certainly cause for us to be confident of its power. For the disciples, it was proof positive that their message was true. What was the significance of the oil used by the disciples?

Should disciples of Jesus expect to perform such signs and wonders today? [These were sign gifts only designed to accompany the work of the apostles (Heb. 2:4) and there were only 12 apostles for all time (Rev. 21:14)]. Now we are messengers who are commissioned to carry on the ministry of the apostles (Eph. 4: 11-14). Though we may not produce signs and wonders, we should demonstrate spiritual fruit that gives great glory to Jesus (Gal. 5:22; Matt. 5: 13-16)].

Discuss this statement by Charles Spurgeon: "Religion produces Pharisees, but the Gospel produces Christians."

Examine your heart and life. Below are some personal questions to consider as we close this lesson:

1. Does your life bear evidence of God's transforming power for the world to see and believe?
2. Does your prayer life reflect a heart that is passionate for the lost? Who is on your prayer list?
3. Do you truly believe that only the gospel is sufficient to save and transform people, churches, communities and nations?
4. What is your next action step of obedience to God's Word?

What the church needs now is more Great Commission Christians! Will that be you?

### **Teaching To Obey (Matt. 28:20):**

In response to God's revealed truth in your life, what action steps will you take today to obey His will? Are there:

**Sins to confess? Promises to claim? Attitudes to change? Commands to obey? Examples to follow?**

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