

## *The Gospel According to Mark*

# **The First Short-Term Missions Trip**

**Mark 6:7-13**



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### **Introduction:**

## **I. THE CALLING (vs. 7)**

### **A. The Summons (vs. 7a)**

“and He summoned the twelve”

There were five “summons” or “callings”:

- 1) called to confess Jesus as Lord and Messiah (Jn. 1:35-51)
- 2) called to follow Him permanently (Mk. 1:16-20; 3:13-17; Lk. 5:1-11)
- 3) elevated to the level of preachers (Lk. 6:12-16)
- 4) prepared for ministry by being sent out on a short-term preaching tour (Mk. 6:7-13)
- 5) final commissioning to preach the gospel throughout Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1:8)

### **B. The Sending (vs. 7b)**

“and began to send them out in pairs” (II Corinthians 5:20; Romans 10:13-15a)

“and gave them authority over the unclean spirits” (c.f. Matthew 10:8)

## **II. THE COMMISSIONING (vs. 10-11)**

### **A. No Provisions (vs. 8-9)**

“and He instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff”

“no bread, no bag, no money in their belt - but to wear sandals”

“and He added, ‘Do not put on two tunics.’ ” (c.f. Luke 22:35-36)

I Corinthians 9:7-14

Hebrews 13:5-6

### **B. No Pretensions (vs. 10)**

“And He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town.’”

Philippians 4:11-13

C. No Presumptions (vs. 11)

“ ‘Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them.’ ”

Acts 13:51; 18:6

Matthew 10:11-15

**III. THE CONFIDENCE** (vs. 12-13)

A. Preaching (vs. 12)

“They went out and preached that men should repent.”

B. Exorcism (vs. 13a)

“And they were casting out many demons...”

C. Healing (vs. 13b)

“and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.” (c.f. vs. 30)

**Conclusion:**

- 1) If you want to serve the Lord long-term, keep your life simple and free from distractions.
- 2) If you are willing to serve the Lord short-term, be prepared to get up and go when He calls.
- 3) Go where you are welcomed and move on when rejected.
- 4) In any and all cases, proclaim the Word of God.

**Food for Thought:**

- 1) What are the advantages of working as a team in mission work? What are the dangers of going alone?
- 2) If people see you as Jesus’ ambassador, what should they see?
- 3) Do Jesus’ restrictions on what the apostles should take with them apply to missionaries today? Why or why not?
- 4) What are the advantages of having few possessions? What are the advantages of having abundant possessions? What are the dangers of either situation?