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**Living As Mission Minded Disciples**

Matthew 10:16-42

**Key Truth:** As followers of Jesus, we are called to be a part of Christ’s Kingdom ministry throughout the world.

**The Commissioning Of The Twelve:** Matthew 10:1-15

1. Jesus called ordinary men to represent His Kingdom

 ministry.

2. He empowered them to defeat spiritual forces of

 darkness.

3. He commanded them to trust in His loving provision.

4. He explained that the mission wouldn’t be easy.

**Principles We Can Live By As Disciples:**

1. Every Disciple is called into the ministry of Jesus

 corporately and individually.

2. Every Disciple has been gifted by God’s Spirit to minister

 in Jesus’ name. Ephesians 2:10

3. We need to be wise and gentle when spreading the

 message of Jesus Christ.

4. We can expect opposition to the gospel message.

 2 Timothy 3:12, Philippians 3:10, 1 Peter 4:12-17

5. We find our purpose in life by dying to self and living

 for Jesus.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank Jesus for calling you first to Himself. Pray for discernment on how to best share the gospel and love of Jesus with others. Get discipled and equipped to help reach a lost world.

**Food For Thought:**

Read Matthew 10:16: What are some characteristics of sheep? What about wolves? How well would you expect sheep to fare in the midst of wolves?

Was Jesus suggesting that He was sending His disciples out toward their slaughter?

What did Jesus mean when He said He was sending them out “like sheep among wolves”?

All of us live in the world, but how successful are you at not being of the world?

As you examine your life, are you more sheep or wolf? What will you do to become more sheep-like?

How would you complete this sentence: “I know my faith is real and I will endure to the end because…\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”?