

Matthew 10:1-4

CAMP – Distinctives of Disciples

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Title – Jesus Commissions The Apostles

1. The summons  
Bathed in prayer  
Based on discipleship
2. The supply  
Authority to heal spiritually  
Ability to heal physically
3. The selected

Prop – Jesus' commission displays His authority and ought to cause us to praise and submit to His kingship

**Intro:**

**On who's authority do you go?**

Our "commission" of Micah

Big Idea – Jesus commissions His 12 apostles

2<sup>nd</sup> distinctive – true disciples are commissioned

Review:

Matthew – showing Jesus as King

Unveiling the King 1-4

1:20-23

Teaching of the King 5-7

5:1, 7:28-9

Authentication of the King 8-9

8:1, 16-17; 9:35-8

5 Discourses, 5 Narratives, a Prologue (1-4) and an epilogue – commission 28:16-20

About to study the 2<sup>nd</sup> discourse

Ministry for the King – ch. 10

READ 9:35-10:4

The King Commissions 1-4

The King's Instructions 5-15

The King's Concerns 16-42

#### I. The Summons

- Called – usually confrontive, not casual “would you maybe consider”
- God had chosen, Jesus had prayed
- Idea of sending others:
  - 4:19
  - 5:13-16
  - 9:8
  - 9:37-38
  - William Barclay reports that when Martin Luther became convinced that the biblical way of salvation was by God's grace working through man's faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, he began earnestly preaching and contending for this doctrine that became the hallmark of the Protestant Reformation. A friend of his was equally convinced of this truth, and the two men agreed that Luther would spend his time out in the world preaching, writing, and debating, while the friend would spend his time alone in a monastery upholding Luther and the cause of the Reformation in prayer. As Luther visited the friend from time to time and reported the difficulties and obstacles of the work, the friend would intensify his praying. One night the friend had a dream in which he saw a gigantic field that stretched over the whole earth. But only one lone figure was working in the field, and when he looked closer the man saw that the lone figure was his dear friend Luther. When he woke up he immediately went to find Luther and tell him that God made clear to him through the dream that it was not enough simply to pray. He, too, must give himself directly to the work of spreading the good news of salvation. He did not forsake praying, but he set aside his pious solitude and began to labor beside Luther in the heat and dirt of battle.<sup>1</sup>

#### A. Bathed in Prayer

- Luke 6:12-13
- Prayer for selection – maybe
- Prayer for perseverance – definitely
- Lk 22:31-2 <sup>31</sup>“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you,<sup>[a]</sup> that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”
- Acts 13:1-4 – Selection of Paul & Barnabas - we pray for God's will and servant's perseverance

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<sup>1</sup> MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1985). [Matthew](#) (Vol. 2, pp. 119–120). Chicago: Moody Press.

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## B. Based on Discipleship

- 4 phases for Jesus
  - Conversion
  - Calling to follow
  - Internship – 3 years with the Christ, short term missions, get them to see the need (9:36-8)
  - Sent after rez, with Holy Spirit
    1. Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the HS has come upon you, & you will be my witnesses in Jer, Jud., Sam & end
- Disciples (learners) to apostles (sent ones)
- App – spend time with the mature
  - Lk 6:40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

## II. The Supply (1b)

- a. Authority to heal spiritually
  - Not salvific, but deliverance
  - 8:28, 9:32-34
  - It was a particularly active time of spiritual warfare
  - The ability confirmed their message – the kingdom of heaven is at hand
- b. Ability to heal physically
  - 8:1-4 leper
  - 8:5-13 paralysis
  - 8:14-17 all sorts
  - 9:18-26 life
  - 9:35
  - Carried forward:
    - Acts 3:2-8; 5:12, 16; 14:8-10; 28:8-9
  - This is delegated authority (exousia – it is lawful) to affirm the messenger and the message.
  - APP: Jn 17:18; 20:21

## III. The Selected (2-4)

- Similar order in each list
- Start with Peter, Andrew, James & John
- First of 3 groups of 4
- Judas always last
- Fishermen, farmers, tax gatherers
- They have no occupation, they have given up the pursuits in which they were engaged: their fishing, their tax gathering, and their agriculture. They carry on no business; they simply walk around and behind their leader, talking to each other or to Him, and when He speaks to the people who begin to gather, they listen just like everybody else. The only thing they do is go with Him

from place to place. They are idle, and it begins to be a question of whether it is not doing harm and giving rise to reproach that twelve grown men are being kept idle for no apparent purpose and neglecting obvious duties in order to do so. (Herbert Lockyer, *All the Apostles of the Bible* [Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1972], p. 13)<sup>2</sup>

- It was their internship and their seminary all in one

Application:

- APP:
  - Heb 2:1-4
  - 2 Peter 1:3-4, 16-21
- So, we look to the word made more sure
- Our commission Mt 28:18-20
- Commission to vocation:
  - Titus 1:5
  - Acts 13
  - 1 Tim 3:1

Not – our authority in ministry

But – Jesus' display of God's authority affirms His kingship and His worthiness of worship

Distinctive App – recognize our commission serve as a steward of the manifold grace

1 Pet 4:10

Portrait – Kris

Prop – Jesus' commission displays His authority and ought to cause us to praise and submit to His kingship

Do you worship the King?

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – Watts

1 When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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<sup>2</sup> MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (1985). *Matthew* (Vol. 2, p. 122). Chicago: Moody Press.

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

He displayed His authority and He gave His life

Love so amazing, so divine – demands my soul, my life, my all