

## **BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL (SSS 4)**

**Text: Mark 6:7-13; Matthew 10:1-42; Luke 9:1-6**

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### **CALLING OF THE TWELVE**

#### **1. First Call**

a) To follow Jesus and be His disciples      Mark 1:17a

b) He will make them fishers of men      Mark 1:17b

#### **2. Second Call**

a) He sent them out as His apostles      Matthew 10:2

b) To send them out for ministry      Mark 6:7a

b) Two by two      Mark 6:7b

### **EMPOWERING FOR MINISTRY**

1. Jesus has to empower them      Mark 6:7c

2. Power even over unclean spirits      Mark 6:7d

3. Power to heal diseases      Matthew 10:1c

### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MINISTRY**

1. He commanded them      Mark 6:8a

a) Under orders

b) Jesus is their Lord and Master

#### **2. Clear instructions given for the Missionary Journey**

a) To take nothing for the journey      Mark 6:8b

b) Except for a staff      Mark 6:8c

c) No bag      Mark 6:8d

d) No bread      Mark 6:8e

e) No copper in their money belts      Mark 6:8f

f) To wear sandals                      Mark 6:9a

g) Only one tunic                      Mark 6:9b

### 3. In the Mission field

a) Stay in the house that has opened its doors                      Mark 6:10a

b) Not to depart from the house till the end of the mission Mark 6:10b

### 4. Anticipation of negative response

a) There will be those who will not receive them                      Mark 6:11a

b) Jesus Himself experienced rejection                      Luke 4: 16-30; Mark 6:1-6

### 5. Understanding of rejection

a) Shaking off the dust under their feet (sandals)                      Mark 6:11b

i) They have not taken anything from the people

ii) Not even the dust from their cities

iii) Holy indignation

iv) A testimony against them

b) In the day of judgment

i) Sodom and Gomorrah would fare better

ii) The cities that reject the Gospel preached would fare worse

### 6. Assessment of the ministry of the Apostles

a) They went out as Jesus sent them                      Mark 6:12a

b) They preached a message of repentance                      Mark 6:12b

c) They cast out many demons                      Mark 6:13a

d) They healed those who were sick                      Mark 6:13b

i) Anointing of oil (not curative)

ii) Symbolic

## **POEMS – Charles Tan**

### **HE BEGAN TO SEND THEM OUT**

The Call to follow Jesus was issued some time ago,  
The disciples responded and learned, many things, to forego.  
The training had begun immediately, and there was much to learn,  
Jesus would make them fishers of men, for souls they must yearn.

They learned deep lessons about the eternal Kingdom of God,  
Wrong ideas had to be corrected, they worked with one accord.  
There were rebukes that brought some grief and pain to the heart,  
But these were necessary lessons that Jesus had to impart.

Soon it was time for the next stage of their training from the Lord,  
They will be commissioned and sent out to preach the Kingdom of God.  
Clear instructions were given as to how they were to perform in ministry,  
Following their own ideas would lead ultimately to futility.

The Lord would empower for effective and fruitful ministry,  
Demons would flee in response to their apostolic authority.  
But there would be some who would rudely reject the Gospel call,  
Faith must be exercised that God is truly sovereign and He knows all.

Inspiration: Mark 6:7