

On Mission with the King (Matthew 10)

CONNECT—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, what is your favorite Easter tradition?

DISCUSS

What most stood out to you from Justin's sermon this past week? What was one of your big takeaways?

What most stands out to you from the passage of Scripture? What confuses you?

Why do you think that Jesus wants His disciples to go only to "the lost sheep of Israel"? To proclaim that the "Kingdom is near" is to proclaim Jesus. What are some practical ways that we can do that as we go about our lives? What are some ways that you point people to Jesus in your neighborhood? What about in your workplace? In your family? What is hard about living this out?

In verse 16, Jesus challenges His disciples to be "wise as serpents and innocent as doves." What do you think that means? What would it look like for someone to be wise as a serpent but not innocent as a dove? What would it look like for someone to be innocent as a dove but not wise as a serpent? What are some situations where you might have to be wise as a serpent and innocent as a dove as you are pointing people to Jesus?

Read verse 28. What is Jesus trying to communicate in this verse? Read verses 29-31. What do these verses add to what Jesus says in verse 28? How do these verses motivate us to point people around us to Jesus?

Read verse 39. In what ways have you found that "losing your life" for Jesus leads to experiencing true life? Why is it better to live "on mission with the King" than to avoid living "on mission with the King"?

What is the reward that Jesus speaks of? How does that reward motivate you to follow Jesus more wholeheartedly?

RELATE—Consider splitting into guys and girls for this section.

What has been your biggest spiritual highlight this week? What has been your biggest spiritual struggle this week? What is one action step that you are going to take this week in light of this discussion?

IMPACT (Invite, Engage, Share)

REMINDER: Good Friday service at 6:00 PM on April 19 and Easter Services at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM on April 21. Have everyone think of one person to invite to both.