

## Matthew 10:1-14

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### 1. Go to your own people (verse 5-6)

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Being sent out would suggest, going where you have not gone before. We often get this impression when we think about telling people about Jesus - going to the ends of the earth.

But here Jesus tells them **to go to their people, people they know**. It's the same for us it is about going to people you know first, friends, family, work colleagues etc.

This roots us in the here and now, in the present, where we are. God wants us to work in the now with the people we know where he has placed us.

Going to the man of peace - verses 11-14 - the principle of us looking for people who want to hear the truth.

### 2. We are to tell them the Kingdom is near (verse 7)

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Essentially **God is here**

Jesus came to make the kingdom a present reality. To demonstrate God is on the move. He talked about God's rule not based on the success of a nation but in terms of people being set free from sin, being healed.

We are to bring the same message - God is on the move, His kingdom is near - get ready, get involved, turn back to God, be a part of church again.

To our friends, family & people who know us we are to be a **reminder** or a provocation that God's kingdom is near. People often don't want to think about God - the bible talks about them preferring to stay in the darkness. (John 3:19) It is our job to bring them into the light. This requires **faith**, **boldness** and a **conviction** in us that His kingdom is near.

**How else will they hear?** - who else will tell them, who else can tell them the truth about God that he loves them and wants to bring them life  
Romans 10:17 faith comes by hearing the message

### 3. We are to demonstrate the kingdom is near (verse 8)

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1 Cor 2:1-5 - We are not the only ones who tremble at the thought of telling people - it's not about persuasive arguments or words. Just a simple message of God is here! The key is that what we say **gets authenticated by God's Spirit in us & demonstrations of his power**.

We need to be full of His Spirit for this to be the case! - a community full of God. It is only through God working in us that any of this will happen.

So have you received the Holy Spirit?

A demonstration of the nearness of God's Kingdom will only happen if God's rule is in fact near us! - It is going to take obedience on our part - stepping out when he asks - doing things we may have never done before...

### 4. Not taking anything with you (verses 9-10)

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A **radical element** to this kind of living

- > It's a **sign of faith and trust** in God to live this way
- > It **keeps us dependent** upon Him
- > It **keeps us from distractions** - our purpose is clear and simple

### Summing up

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We are to be a radical community of believers who are filled with the Spirit

But not a static community but one sent by God.

A community that connects with the world around us, people we know.

A community that speaks a clear message that God is near

A community that demonstrates that God's Kingdom is near.