

### 3 Groups of Disciples

#### I. Slide1-3 Announce:

- A. TY to *Gunnery Sergeant Randy Bennett* *ret.* And his daughter *Heidi, Marine Corps Jr. ROTC Cadet Staff Sergeant.* (Posting the Colors) *Mike Caruso.* Scott Harris reading *Missing Man Table*
- B. *Slide4 This Wed Night - An all church family night. Free food and dessert.*
1. It's a chance for many of the **kids** to meet their new leaders as they move on up to their new grade. **We'll have areas 4 parents to meet leaders/ask questions.**
- C. *Slide5 Move On Up - Next Sun* all children/youth *move up* to their new age/grade level.
1. It is also *Sunday Funday, games & music* for all the children/youth.
  2. **Also**, only a few summer needs: **2 helpers** 2nd service. **1 Teacher/3 helpers** 3rd.
- D. *Slide6 Thrive - Start next Sun.* A Foundational class for both new/old believers. **What is the Church?** Agape rm during 3rd service. [*\* also Baptism pics on CM/FB*]
- E. *Slide7* Some of you remember *John & Tanneke Webb*, members here for many years before Tanneke got sick. *She went to be with the Lord on Mothers Day.* Her service is @ *Riverview EV Free* in Bonsall, this Sat June 4th, 2pm.

#### II. Slide8 Intro:

- A. Here we have **instructions** to **3 kinds of disciples**, **each group** living at *a different time.*
1. **Some** of these instructions will be specifically for **the apostles** (vs.5-15).  
**Some** to those serving just **before** the Lords return (16-23).  
**Some** to faithful disciples, living all throughout church history (24-26).  
 a) **However**, *spiritual principles* are here for **all** of God's servants.
- B. Mrk.6:7 tells us the 12 *went out in pairs*...which explains *their names in pairs.* (2-4)
1. This text specifically, is **NOT** our commission today.
  2. We may learn from **the spiritual principles** **but** we shouldn't apply these instructions to our lives today.  
 a) Later Jesus tells them to do *almost the opposite* (diff. situation) Lk.22:35-38.  
 b) Our commission is to **All the world**...not only to the **Jews**.
- C. Some of the spiritual principles we can grab from this section is **Pray - Power - Go.**

1. This is the perpetual order of *the messengers & missionaries* of His kingdom.

### III. Slide9 TO FORMER DISCIPLES (5-15) *The 12 disciples of His day*

#### A. Slide10a **Their mission field** (5-6)

1. They are **to go** only to the **Jews**, the *lost sheep of Israel*.
2. He tells these original **Jews for Jesus**, to stay in the pastures near the fold.  
[don't even go to those who *most resemble* the Jews, the Samaritans]

#### B. Slide10b **Their mission** (7-15)

1. **To preach** that God's Kingdom is near (7).
2. **To heal** the sick, **raise** the dead, and **cast out** demons (8a).
  - a) They are given authority to do these things. Jesus gave them the **Power**(vs.1). Zech.4:6  
(1) **Not by power** (an indiv's strength) **not by might** (military), **but by My Spirit**.
  - b) **Preach & Heal** - **Jesus** the *1st Medical missionary* tells them not to only minister to their **souls**, **but also** to their physical **bodies**.  
(1) Because often the healing of disease is a way of approaching the **soul**.
3. **To give** freely (8b). (**power** is the context)
4. **To remain unburdened** (9,10). *Trust God to provide*.
  - a) Leave the Master Card & Visa at home along w/your wallet. [It keeps you humble when you can't pay]
  - b) Don't be encumbered by **excess** material goods. (note *plurals* in vs.10)  
(1) **No need for 2 suitcases & a carry on**. If the weather changes they'll provide you a coat. They'll take care of you, *a workman's worthy of his hire*.
5. **To bless or curse** each town upon leaving (11-15).
  - a) **The Apostles depended on Hospitality**. For a town to refuse a guest was *a breach of etiquette*.
6. Slide11a (11) **Stay there** - Don't seek better accommodations.
  - a) **Wealthy** people will always turn up, **but** don't forget the **worthy men & women** who 1st took care of you.
7. (13) **Let your peace**, or your *shalom aleikhem*, be upon that city.

- a) Slide11b/c *If you come as a blessing, come **with** a blessing.*
  - b) Application for us...Spurgeon said, *We should never enter a house w/o wishing it good, not to leave it w/o having endeavored to make it better.*
  - c) Not sure how to **ble**ss them? Use Num.6:22-27 *Then the Lord said to Moses, Tell Aaron and his sons to **ble**ss the people of Israel with **this special blessing**: May the Lord **ble**ss you and **protect** you. May the Lord **smile** on you and **be gracious** to you. May the Lord show you **His favor** and give you **His peace**. Whenever Aaron and his sons **ble**ss the people of Israel in my name, I myself will **ble**ss them.”*
8. If you trusted them to be **worthy** & they turned out **not to be** - grab your peace back, & leave. *No Compromise.*
9. (14) They **weren't** to rail on them, **but** to let them know they must leave because they refused their message.
- a) *Maybe to let impenitent sinners know where they stand.*
- 10.(15) The Lord seals their fearful doom w/an *Assuredly, I say unto you.*
- a) All individuals fall into this judgment **even today**, whom reject *the Kings Messengers, that bring the Kings Message.*

#### IV. Slide12 **TO FUTURE DISCIPLES (16-23)** *Living During the Time of the Great Trib*

- A. It is not unusual for Bible writers to **leap** from one period to another without warning.
  - 1. Here Jesus looks down through history and sees those who will be His witnesses during *the Tribulation period.*
- B. *These verses do not apply to the 12 Apostles for several reasons:*
  - 1. See Jesus' statement in vs.23.
  - 2. Here He speaks of **persecution** which we have no record the 12 suffered during their tour. (17)
  - 3. (5) **forbids them** to **go to the Gentiles**, **while** v.18 says they will be **witnesses to the Gentiles.**
  - 4. The Spirit could not speak **in** them **until** after Christ had been crucified and raised from the dead (Jn14:17).

5. (22) This vs. speaks of World-wide persecution (*all*). *The apostles were only ministering in their land.*

6. (22,23) *parallel* Mt.24:9,13 where they **definitely** apply to **the end time**.

C. **Slide13a The enemies of God will Hate them** (10:16-18, 23).

1. **Religious persecution** (16,17).

a) They will be handed over to councils and beaten in synagogues. **Religion** has always persecuted **the true church** (*i.e.* the unconverted Saul of Tarsus).

b) *I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves*...Oh, Great!

(1) I wonder how team #6 is doing (vs.4)? We have an attack sheep (Simon the Zealot) & a wolf in sheep clothes (Judas).

c) What do you get when you cross a *smart snake & a delicate dove*? Well, it should be **believers during the Trib.** Tough-minded & Tender-hearted. Steel/Velvet.

d) They aren't sent to **fight** w/wolves. **Nor drive** them out of the places they frequent. **But** seek to *transform them*. (Spurg) [No, *Dancing w/Wolves*]

(1) They'll have a **Wolf ministry**. They must be **wise** to **convince them & warmhearted** to **convict them**.

2. **Political persecution** (18-20).

a) *They will be brought before governors & kings*; this will give them a chance to witness/testimony. **We can always turn Opposition into Opportunity**.

b) The Revelation teaches that in the last days *Government & Religion* will work together to control the world.

(1) **Rev.13** describes the time when the *world ruler* (antichrist) will force the world to **worship him & his image**. [marrying once again those 2 offices]

(2) He will control **world religion, economics, & government**. **And** he will also use **all 3** to **persecute** the church.

3. **Family persecution** (21).

a) *Non-believing* family members will betray those who have become **Jesus' disciples**.

b) There will be a **decay** of *family love & loyalty*.

4. **General persecution** (22,23).

a) Everyone will **hate** them because of their *allegiance to Christ*.

- b) He who endures to the end will be saved - has **nothing** to do with *salvation* from sin. It is talking about the faithful endurance of His ambassadors during the time of persecution in the Tribulation.
- c) (23) They'll always have **work to do & a message to proclaim**, for the sake of the kingdom.

D. **Slide13a The Spirit of God will Help them** (19,20). [*The enemies of God will Hate them but...*]

1. He will give them the right words to say.

## V. **Slide14 TO FAITHFUL DISCIPLES (24-26)** *Living throughout Church History*

A. Jesus speaks of **discipleship & servanthood** (*learners/laborers*) and **persecution**.

B. This section would apply to servants during **any** period of bible history.

1. It has special significance for *His disciples today*.

- a) **We are His disciples**. Our prayer should be, *Lord, You be the **needle** & I'll be the **thread**. I'll follow right behind...wherever You lead.*

C. **Slide15a The Certainty of Persecution** (24,25).

1. Just as **He** is persecuted, His disciples also will be.
2. To be **Like his Teacher...Like his Master** - Let this be our ambition in every way.
3. They may **call** us what they like, **but** they cannot **make** us evil.
  - a) **God** was slandered in the garden of Eden. **Christ** was slandered on Calvary. **How can we hope to escape?**
4. Note, we are **of His Household** - what a privilege.

D. **Slide15b The Confidence in Persecution** (26) [see vs.28, *can kill body but not soul*]

1. **In this next section** (to the end of the ch.) Matthew will list several reasons why we must **not be afraid** to openly confess Christ.
  - a) Note how many times *do not fear* shows up in this next section (vs.26,28,31).
2. **Anticipate the Future and be not overwhelmed by the Present.**
3. **If you're misrepresented...The Lord will right you before long.**
4. **A day is coming when **All** will be righted.**

E. **Slide16,17** *A soldier dies twice, **once** when he dies and **also** when he is forgotten.*