

Marching Orders

Matthew 10:5-15



1. Specific instructions for mission

“These 12 Jesus sent out..” v5

“Go ... to the lost sheep of Israel” v6

Continuation of Jesus’ ministry:

“Preach this message...” v7

“Heal the sick

raise the dead”

cleanse ... drive out ...” v8

Urgent action - no provisions v9-10

God’s provision through hospitality v11

“the worker is worth his keep”

2. General principles for our ministry/mission

Our motive: Godly compassion

“sheep without a shepherd”

Our marching orders (Matthew 28:18-20) -

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and **make disciples of all nations, baptising them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you**. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

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Repentance

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Submission to Jesus as Lord

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Universal discipleship

Overwhelming ?

remember practicality - begin where you are
remember theological order - Jews first then gentiles
remember Jesus' promise - "I am with you"

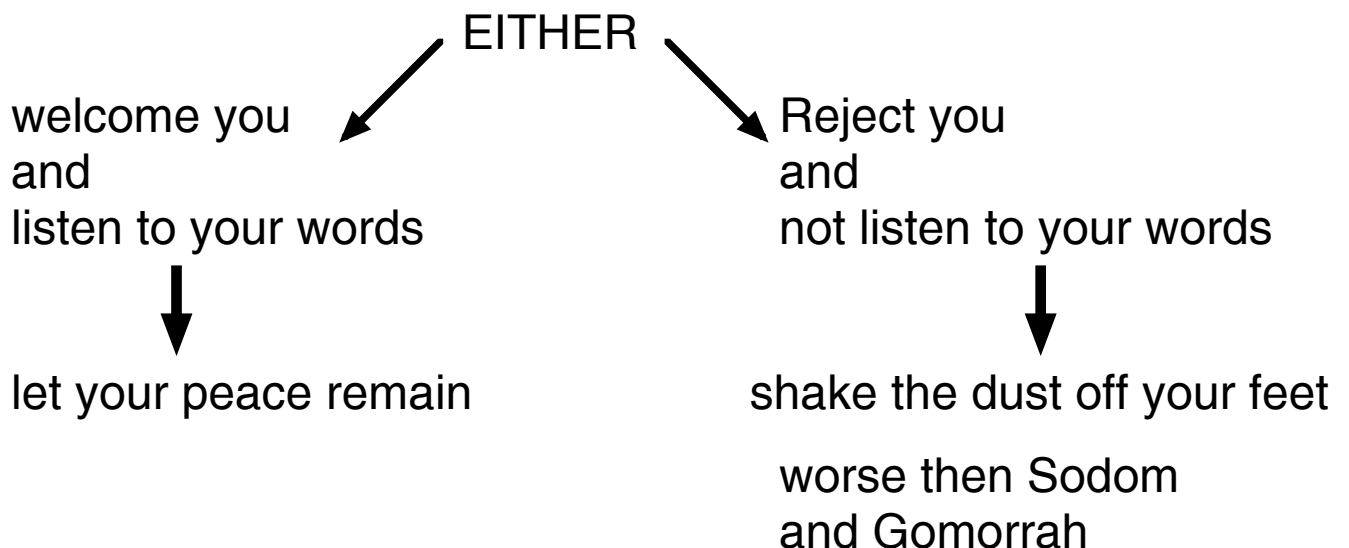
The gospel of grace must be free of charge

3. Response - v11-15

The good news of the kingdom is a message of peace

Response to the messenger = response to the message

The good news of the kingdom results in judgement



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God." **John 3:16-21.**