

MIS: Familiarity with Jesus can cause us to lose sight of Him and therein lose the mission that He has sent us on in calling people to repent and believe on the Gospel and in doing so, live simply, preach boldly, and suffer confidently.

## **I. Familiarity breeds contempt for the Biblical Jesus**

- A. Hometown people don't get who this Jesus is
  - 1. They can't get past His humanity
  - 2. Thought Jesus got these things, not had these things given who He is
  - 3. Take offense at Him
- B. Warning: There is danger in being so familiar with Jesus that you never have Him

## **II. Jesus sends out Messengers**

- A. Jesus sends out Apostles (Messengers) 2 x 2
  - 1. Tells them to call people to repent and believe Gospel
  - 2. Gives them authority over unclean spirits
  - 3. Have power to heal and anoint with oil those who were sick
    - a. Authenticators of the fact that these men are carrying Gospel
- B. Christ is sending them out to establish New Kingdom (12 Tribes = 12 Disciples)
  - 1. Christ fulfilling mission that God intended from the beginning
    - a. Fill world with worshipers of God (Gen. 1.28)
- C. As they go, they travel light, stay at the first place that receives them, & cast judgment on those that don't welcome them
- D. Live simply, preach boldly, suffer confidently
- E. This Mission was part of their calling
  - 1. Mark 1.17: Jesus called Disciples to be "fisher of men"
  - 2. Mark 3.14: Jesus chose them "so that" they would...
    - a. Be with Him
    - b. Send them out to preach
  - 3. Intrinsic to their being disciples was going out to herald the Gospel

## **Questions:**

1. What are some other things in life that due to your familiarity with causes you to lose sight of their details/importance? How does familiarity breed contempt?
2. Why is this the case? What is the danger of this? How do we work against this?
3. How is it helpful to send out the disciples in pairs?
4. Why does Jesus deem it so important that these disciples be sent out to preach the message of repentance and faith in the Gospel?
5. Seeing the intrinsic nature of the Disciples calling was to go out and preach the Gospel to usher in this people of the new kingdom, how does this affect you as disciple of Christ?
6. Jesus calls them to live simply...why is this important to the calling?
7. The shaking of the sandals as a sign of judgment tells us that there will be those that oppose us...how does this encourage or discourage you?
8. What can you do to further your affections for the nations?