

Thy Kingdom Come: Kingdom Go!

Reflect

1. When was the last time you told a story?
2. What was the best story you've ever been told?
3. What has been the greatest news that has ever been shared with you? (Other than the Good News, which of course is the greatest news we've all ever heard!)

Read Your Bible

- Acts 1:6-8
- Matthew 10:1-20

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. Have you ever been a witness to something that you then had to share with an authority?
2. What does it mean to you to be called to be a witness for Jesus' sake?
3. Verse 8 of our Acts text says that we will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us. What do we receive power to accomplish?
4. Jesus sends out the 12 disciples with some very specific instructions. What jumps out to you about those instructions?
5. Why does Jesus send them out without any money or extra clothes? Could you imagine going on a mission trip without these supplies?
6. What does it mean to be shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves?
7. Verse 17 of the Matthew text says, "¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues." Emphasis, **you will** be handed over to be flogged. Would you still go if you knew that you would be handed over and be flogged?

Conclusion

God wants to use us to be His hands and feet, but also His voice. To go proclaim the Good News to the world. God desires this for us for more than one reason. First, God's main thing is the main thing, sharing God with others. Second when we do go, we grow. We grow closer to God and to the others who are sharing in our going. That's why Jesus had such specific instructions for the disciples and for us. So that we are not distracted by the things that don't matter. What matters most is a relationship with God! Amen! But also, so that we learn to trust and rely on God to provide, equip, empower, and save us.

Pray

Heavenly Father, we pray that You would gently remind us of our most important calling in life, to go forth and proclaim Your Good News to the world. Provide, equip, empower, protect, and give us the courage to go for Your sake. In Jesus' Name. Amen!