

Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter Ten

- How would you sum up the contents of this chapter?
- When Matthew tells us that Jesus gave authority to the disciples to do miracles, what is he telling us about Jesus and why is it important?
- “To the Jews first” is a common theme in Scripture. Consider the following texts: Mark 7:27; Acts 1:8; 13:46–48; Romans 1:16; 2:9–10; 3:1. Why do you think this theme is so prominent?
- What did the message ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ mean to the Jews? What does it mean to believers today?
- Read **10:8**. How should the statement “**You received without paying; give without pay**” influence believers today?
- Why did Jesus tell the disciples NOT to take certain things on their journey?
- A frequent theme in Scripture is found in Matthew 10:10, “**the laborer deserves his food.**” See also 1 Corinthians 9:14; 1 Timothy 5:17–18. What implications does this have for us today in the church?
- The disciples and the people they will come into contact with were compared to four animals: Sheep, Wolves, Serpents and Doves. (10:16). Whom do they represent, and what is the significance of each?
- Godly men and women have always been persecuted. This was true in the Old Testament and the New Testament, and will be true in the future. Why do you think God allows this to happen?
- How much of what Jesus said to the disciples was prophetic and speaking of times to come?
- What does it mean for a believer to stand firm in their faith?
- What active role do you play in encouraging other believers to stand firm in their faith? What more could you do?
- What will (does) cause families to turn on each other?
- Given the context of Jesus’ remarks, why do you think that Jesus spoke about rewards?