
Matthew Chapter 10

1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. Who is the unlikeliest friend you've ever had? That means someone you thought you would never be friends with but ended up being a good friend. How did it happen?

- b. Is there someone you were sure you would be friends with because you had so much in common but it didn't end up working out? Why do you think it didn't work out?

2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

In this chapter Jesus gives Matthew the tax collector—the guy who hangs out with sinners—power to cast out demons and perform miracles. Wow! Can you believe that? He also gave the same power to Judas, who would betray him. In addition to them there was a few fishermen, some other common guys and a zealot... Zealots in Bible times believed in armed rebellion against the Romans and we know from the story of Jesus' arrest that Peter carried a sword as well.

No Pharisees or scribes or anyone with a great education or official spiritual training... Sounds like a bunch of misfits and rebels with God's blessing and power! How do you think it happened that Jesus chose such unlikely people?

Do you think Jesus ever had to manage fights within this motley crew? Can you think of one such incident the Bible records?

Do you think Jesus had limited options on whom He could choose as followers or do you think these guys were really the best Israel had to offer? Why/why not?

At this point in the story most of the disciples were still looking for a Messiah that would kick out the Romans with military means. Why do you think Jesus would send these guys out with so much power when they still really had no idea what His mission was about?

How long did it take for these guys to figure out what Jesus' mission really was?

If there was hope for Matthew and the other disciples back then, do you think there is hope for you and your friends today? Why/why not?

3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)

If you could do anything to help prepare yourself to be a disciple of Jesus what would it be? Would it be more training on how to study the Bible, how to conduct outreach programs or something else? Have a discussion with your Pathfinder or youth group leader and your pastor to discuss how they can help you be better prepared to work with Jesus in His mission to save the people of planet earth.

4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)

Pray for Jesus to help you see yourself the way He does. Pray for Him to help you see the potential in yourself that He sees in you. Pray that He will help you to be willing to be used by Him with the understanding that it is His power and ability that are important and that all you need to be is willing.

5. Outreach Idea

Based on the outreach ideas and opportunities you have researched earlier in this Application Guide, plan another outreach activity for your group with the help of your leaders.