



Mark 6:7-13

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(Mark 6:7-13) Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. ⁸These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

1. Why do think Jesus sent the Twelve out in pairs? What can we learn from this in our own mission efforts at home and overseas?
2. Why did Jesus perform miracles in connection with his saving mission? Why did he give the disciples authority to perform miracles? Why doesn't Jesus do the same for us?
3. What purpose did a staff serve? Why did Jesus prohibit the Twelve from taking along bread, a bag, money, and an extra shirt?

4. We make sure that we provide for the missionaries we send to foreign lands. But what application might Jesus' words in verses 8-9 have for synod's foreign missionaries? What application do they have for us as each of us shares the gospel?

5. Why did Jesus instruct the Twelve to "stay put" once they were welcomed into someone's home?

6. How might we apply the words of verse 10 to our own outreach efforts?

7. Agree or disagree and why? Shaking off the dust of one's feet is a judgment against the unbeliever. Should we issue such warnings? If so, when and how?

8. How does the word "repent" summarize the message we Christians share with the lost?

9. Evaluate the following statement. "I'm not much of a missionary. I've never managed to talk one person into coming to church."

10. List some things we can do as individuals and as a congregation to encourage our fellow missionaries at home and abroad.