

## **Matthew 10 (“Sent Out”)**

Ice Breaker Idea: Share highs and/or lows (or both) from this past week.

### Questions:

*Read Matthew 10: 16-20*

1. What stands out to you about this passage? As you hear/read the words, do you get a sense of fear/anxiety? encouragement/confidence? mixture of both?
2. Discuss this balance between using actions and words to share the Gospel. Which do you gravitate more towards? Do you agree that we sometimes favor one over the other for selfish reasons?
3. Jesus sends us out, just like He sent His disciples - What message has God sent us out to share? What are the basics of what you think we should speak to the people around us in our lives regarding Jesus?
4. Verse 19-20 tell us that in those situations of need, the ‘Spirit of your Father’ will give you words and speak through you. Have you ever experienced something like this? How can we be confident in this and operate more from this perspective?
5. Is there a difference between asking Jesus to bless our words and trusting the Holy Spirit to give us words? Practically what does this look like on a daily basis?
6. We discussed several blessings that come with speaking up for Jesus (i.e., purpose, God gives you the words, salvation, truth will triumph, God will always be near you). How do these blessings factor into our Christian life?

## **“Digging Deeper”**

*Read 1 Peter 3:14-17*

1. How does this passage connect with our discussion of Matthew 10? What does this passage call us to do? What blessings do we read of here?

*Read 2 Timothy 4:3-4*

1. Discuss the challenge this verse speaks of – how does this impact our ability to share the Gospel?

*Read Matthew 10: 34-36*

1. How do you make sense of Jesus words here?