

## THE MASTER'S CLASS ON PIONEERING #1 "The Foundation of Power"

Matt 10:1-4

*Matt. 10 is Jesus sending his disciples into ministry. Going to look right through the chapter. Jesus teaches us principles of pioneering.*

### I. POWER

A. Jesus begins his teaching on pioneering with the understanding of power

1. Pioneering is 1<sup>st</sup> and foremost a supernatural work of God!

a. *Matthew 10:1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.*

2. It is not a program/not simply being there/doing some right things/having the right advertising

a. I have seen many do the right things – and not have a response *Man asked what color flyers should be used*

B. Look at why we need supernatural power

1. **Because there will be supernatural opposition:** *V1 power over unclean spirits...*

a. The devil will arrange negative circumstances: *Snow every Sunday and Wednesday!*

b. He will fight your converts c. He will assault your mind/finances/marriage...

1. You have to overcome the enemy in practical areas: We call this dominion (more on this later)

2. **Because life change takes a miracle:** We don't just want them to come – we want them to be converted

a. It takes a miracle to admit you're wrong b. To be willing to change your entire life

c. To have the power to change: You must be born again

3. **Because inexperienced men need a validating element:** *V1 to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness*

a. A supernatural dimension causes people to listen to you and believe in you

C. This is an incredible promise of God

1. There is nothing you will face that God doesn't have enough power to overcome

a. *Guidance/supply of \$/overcoming demonic opposition/conversions...*

### II. PERSONNEL

A. The next thing that our scripture does is list the personnel

1. *V2-4 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon/Andrew/James/John/Philip/ Bartholomew/ Thomas and Matthew/ James/Thaddeus/ Simon/and Judas....*

a. **They were ordinary men:** There were no religious superstars – no one you'd think would succeed

b. **They were flawed men:** Pride-filled/selfish/impetuous/contentious

1. *Their flaws didn't disqualify them*

c. **They were very different men:** Our mistake is thinking we have to be like someone else

1. *Some were loud/some quiet/some had good background/some were a mess (Simon/terrorist!)*

a. God can use you! He needs to equip/change you – but he can use you as you are

B. The hope of discipleship is supernatural transformation and equipping

1. God sees what you are right now – but sees what you can become in God!

a. *John 1:42 And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).*

b. *Mark 1:17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."*

1. God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called 2. Whom God calls, He equips

### III. APPROPRIATING POWER

A. The question is: *How do we get that power to do God's will?*

1. **It is promised to men of God:** *V1 He gave them power...doesn't exactly say how*

a. *It was potentially theirs – Jesus wanted them to have it*

2. **It is transferred by the laying on of hands**

a. *2 Timothy 1:6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*

3. **It is caught from a man of God:** *1 Kings 2:13 he took up the mantle of Elijah...*

a. Something in your spirit is stirred and you reach out for it; It gets on you!

4. **It comes by personalization:**

a. You have to believe that God wants you to have it b. You have to contend for it

1. *Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. AMP eager men are forcing their way into it.*