

One of the questions I've been asked about early ministry is "When do I start" ...services, offerings, serious men, praying for the sick, praying for the Holy Ghost, outreach, etc. In essence: When do I start doing what we do? The answer is immediately.

In the passage we are going to look at; Jesus sends out the disciples, and immediately instructs them to operate in a supernatural dimension. This sets a pattern for us-

Matthew 10:5-8 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. ⁶ But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

I IMMEDIATE DEMONSTRATION:

A- Jesus instructs the disciples to IMMEDIATELY start doing certain things-

1. V7-8 Preach, Heal, Cleanse, Raise, Cast out...
 - a. There are all action words... b/c ministry is action!
2. PG; Looking at Moses... Immediately upon arrival to Egypt there is immediate demonstration of power.
3. The question is WHY? Because the need already exists-
 - a. V7-8 there's the sick/lepers/the dead/people bound and oppressed by demons

B- So; This sets a pattern for us; When we send, & when we go we need to immediately declare and demonstrate

1. Because the need already exists!
 - a. People need Jesus NOW- **2Cor6:2** Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
 - b. The need is now... The need is urgent- **Jn4:35** You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.
 - i. Some men want to casually start things up... they have this idea that some things need to be in place before...
 - ii. Jesus says- Look around, the need is in the present.

II DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:

A- Now; in our passage, Jesus is still with them... Up to this point they had participation in miracles, but now they are going out to exercise what they have seen-

1. This is a great picture of what we call Discipleship- You observe, learn, and put into practice.
 - a. We facilitate opportunity for you to practice NOW, to train now for future ministry
2. This training shapes how you think and approach ministry.
 - a. Think about these disciples' pastoral ministry; The book of Acts/The Acts of the Apostles... its filled with declaration and demonstration.
 - b. They were trained by experience with Jesus, and they carried that into their future.

B- This is vital for you! For your future ministry-

1. Experience today will make you effective tomorrow.
 - a. B/c this becomes your reality, not a theory.
2. So; It is in your best interest to step into action today-
 - a. These moments become reference points for tomorrow- *I have seen-*
 - b. These breakthroughs give you confidence for tomorrow- *Same God as in...*
 - c. These lessons give you wisdom for tomorrow- *I know how to navigate this-*

III MINISTRY BEGINNINGS:

A- The final practical outflow of immediate demonstration is CREDIBILITY-

1. The Gospel message is credible: People will oppose/argue/come against
 - a. But when there is demonstrable miracles & conversions connected to your message- How can they argue?
 - i. Your message becomes credible.
2. You are credible: As a Pastor, when people can see power connected to your ministry it makes you credible.
 - a. You may lack people skills/color coordination/social quirks... BUT you have power!
3. The church becomes credible: This becomes the foundation of your church... miracles are normal.
 - a. The reputation of your church is POWER!
4. So; Where are you in the ministry beginnings? Are you exercising power?

PRAY FOR HG DIMENSION