

2026-09-20 Summary

What does it truly mean to be sent out by Christ? In this message, we are taken deep into Matthew 10 and Luke 10, where Jesus commissions his disciples and sends them out two by two into a world that is anything but friendly. The picture Jesus paints is striking and honest: sheep among wolves. No extra provisions, no safety net, no guarantee of a warm welcome. Yet within that same commission comes something extraordinary -- authority, presence, and a promise that the words we need will be given to us when we need them most. The disciples went out with nothing but what they had been given, and they came back rejoicing that even demons submitted in Jesus' name. What we discover here is that the Christian life was never meant to be a passive, self-contained experience. We were saved not simply to secure our own eternity, but to become instruments through which others encounter the living Christ. The restaurant of mistaken orders becomes a powerful opening illustration for this truth -- that God uses people in their weakness, not in spite of it. Our inabilities are just as much a part of how God works through us as our abilities. This message challenges us to move beyond guilt and obligation and into the adventure of genuine partnership with God.