

► Discussion Guide

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Opening

Describe a time when someone was against you. How did that affect you?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 10:1, 5-8](#) (The beginning of Reading #83 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. The disciples were sent out on a pretty amazing mission. Have you ever witnessed or experienced such power from God? Describe.
2. When God saves people, He equips them for whatever He calls them to do (see [Romans 12:6-8](#); [Ephesians 2:8-10](#); [4:11-12](#)).
 - a. In what ways are you carrying out the mission of God?
 - b. How could you stay more focused on God's mission in the midst of our crazy, busy world?

Read [Luke 9:3-6](#) (continuing Reading #83 in *The Life of Jesus*).

3. Why did Jesus tell His disciples to *take nothing for the road* ([Luke 9:3](#))? What was the point of this? What is the application of this for your life?
4. Have you ever experienced hostility when sharing the good news of Jesus? How does God want you to respond to resistance?

Read [Matthew 10:16-20](#) (continuing Reading #83 in *The Life of Jesus*).

5. What does it mean that Christians are *like sheep among wolves*?
6. What does it mean to be *as shrewd as serpents and harmless as doves*? What are specific examples of how to live this out?
7. What does [Matthew 10:19-20](#) mean? Have you ever experienced this? How could you be more attentive to the *Father speaking in you*?

Read [Matthew 10:21-25](#) (continuing Reading #83 in *The Life of Jesus*).

8. How has the gospel brought either division or healing in your family or close relationships?

Read [Matthew 10:26-39](#) (continuing Reading #83 in *The Life of Jesus*).

9. What comfort does Jesus provide to help us overcome fear (vs. [26-31](#))?
10. Why is going public with your faith so important (vs. [32-33](#))?
11. What does it mean that Jesus came to *bring a sword* (vs. [34-36](#))?
12. What is Jesus specifically calling His followers to give up in this passage?

Soul Training

Each day this week, pray for at least one person you'll see over the Easter holiday who needs to meet or reconnect with Jesus. Ask God to reveal to that person their lostness. Then ask God to provide you an opportunity (*along with wisdom, humility and boldness*) to speak about your faith.

Memory Verse

Look, I'm sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as serpents and as harmless as doves.

[Matthew 10:16 \(HCSB\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
Apr 3	80		Matthew 9:18-26 ; Mark 5:21-43 ; Luke 8:40-56
Apr 4	81		Matthew 9:27-38
Apr 5	82		Matthew 13:53-58 ; Mark 6:1-6
Apr 6	83		Mathew 10:1, 5-42 ; Mark 6:7-13 ; Luke 9:1-6
Apr 7	84-85		Matthew 14:6-12 ; Mark 6:14-29 ; Luke 9:7-9

Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, April 9, we'll celebrate Palm Sunday. The teaching will come from Reading #157 in *The Life of Jesus*, which is the harmonized version of [Matthew 21:1-11](#); [Mark 11:1-11](#); [Luke 19:28-44](#); and [John 12:12-19](#). We'll also be celebrating the Lord's Supper.