

Disciples as Apostles
Matt 9:36-10:42, 28:18-20; Acts 1:6-8

I) What is an apostle? Matt 10:2 and Philippians 2:25

- One who is “sent”
 - “Apostle” – none left today
 - “apostle” – Modern term is missionary
- Difference between Kleenex and kleenex

II) Read Matt 9:36-10:4 and 10:16-20

A) Disciples/apostles – different roles

- Disciples are those who spend time with Jesus
- Apostles then are the disciples sent by Jesus

B) What does it mean to be as shrewd as snakes AND innocent as doves?

Col. 4:2-6 echoes the same idea.

-don't fight losing battles, flee when its time to go, don't sacrifice integrity for short term gains, emphasize parts of the gospel that really hit home to them, etc.

III) Matt 28:18-20 and Acts 1:6-8

A) What are the three participles of Matt 28 and why does that matter?

-going, baptizing, and teaching

-Participles are the subordinates to the main verb, allowing us to see the thrust of the sentence in the main verb.

-Making disciples is the main command, with the participles being the adjectives that describe how one accomplishes this.

B) What comfort do we have in these verses?

-Jesus is with us forever and has all authority in heaven and earth behind him.

-Therefore we have no need to fear rulers, bosses and those who dislike what we do

C) How do we accomplish the goal Jesus has here?

-We learn in order to teach

-We leave our churches with the intent to share about this Jesus that we know. We develop a prayer list of people who don't know Christ. We get to know their past and their present. We learn how to best serve them so when the opportunity arises to share about Christ's work in our lives we know how to best speak with them.

-We baptize those who come to know Christ because that teaches them about the identity change that happens when one becomes a Christian.