

The Gospel of Mark

Part 9: Orders from Headquarters

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A core value of the Alliance is : Lost People matter to God. He wants them found.

In today's passage we find Jesus' instructions to His Apostles as He sends them out to proclaim the Good News.

See each day as an official mission armed with Orders from Headquarters.

Go with the Gospel and nothing more (vv. 8-9)

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt.

Jesus was stressing the urgency of the mission.

Jesus was stressing that the Gospel is enough.

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*

Jesus Only: "Jesus is all I have and Jesus is all you need."

Be prepared to leave most of those you meet, in the darkness

And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." (v.11)

Jesus told us that only a few will respond to His message.

In the parable of the soils, only 1 out of 4 people who hear the Gospel are truly transformed. (Mark 4:1-20)

Matthew 7:13–14 *"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

Jesus instructs us not be thrown off message or discouraged by rejection but move on to the next opportunity.

Focus on repentance (v. 12)

They went out and preached that people should repent.

We have to resist the temptation to make Jesus palatable.

People have a natural dislike of authority.

Repentance is not a natural act for humans, we resist it automatically, but here is no Salvation without repentance.

Jesus' message:

Mark 1:14–15 *After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"*

Take this with you...

Link up with the Holy Spirit through prayer.

Leave everything behind.

Learn to allow rejection to blow away.

Let repentance have its impact.

Lead them to Jesus.