

All Out: Equipped and Sent: Sept 22: The Resources, Mt 10:9-15: “Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts— *10 no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. 11 Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. 12 As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13 If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. 14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.*

Intro:

I. Take Nothing for the Journey (Matthew 10:9; Luke 9:3)

A. This sounds like Jesus, the itinerate preacher. He has been living on just about nothing his whole life. He sleeps in borrowed barns. He eats what he can find. He is cared for by those who believe in what he is doing and teaching.

B. This is a radical rule. It has no backup plan but God.

***I spoke to a couple in our church who have been trusting the Lord for many years. They told me about God’s provision for them when the husband was injured and out of work. They held up their financial reports to God and said, “This is yours.”

II. Take Care of the Worker: *The worker is worth his keep*

A. The Gospel worker as surrendered other pursuits for this calling and vocation.

B. The gospel worker depends upon the people to whom he delivers the good news for his support. This is not a vow of poverty that Jesus is talking about here. It is a simple formula for the spread of the gospel message: take care of the worker.

C. “His keep” refers to the things he needs to live. He will mention housing specifically.

III. Speak Peace to the Home: *As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13 If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you* (Matthew 10:12-13).

A. This is a cryptic saying to us.

IV. Shake the Dust Off

A. From that home or that town.

1. A home can reject you without the town rejecting you. If a home rejects you, do not impose. Go to another home.

2. A town can reject you. A community could say no to the gospel and the word you speak.

B. For two reasons:

1. If they do not welcome you

2. If they will not listen