

<sup>5</sup> Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: “Don’t go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but only to the people of Israel—God’s lost sheep. <sup>7</sup> Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!

<sup>9</sup> “Don’t take any money in your money belts—no gold, silver, or even copper coins. <sup>10</sup> Don’t carry a traveler’s bag with a change of clothes and sandals or even a walking stick. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve to be fed.

<sup>11</sup> “Whenever you enter a city or village, search for a worthy person and stay in his home until you leave town. <sup>12</sup> When you enter the home, give it your blessing. <sup>13</sup> If it turns out to be a worthy home, let your blessing stand; if it is not, take back the blessing. <sup>14</sup> If any household or town refuses to welcome you or listen to your message, shake its dust from your feet as you leave. <sup>15</sup> I tell you the truth, the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah will be better off than such a town on the judgment day.”

### **Rules for the Road: How We Can Participate in Jesus’ Mission**

*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”* Matthew 9:36–38

*The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit.* Luke 10:1

*Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* Matthew 28:18–20

*“Truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”* Matthew 10:23

“Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”  
Matthew 10:7

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **HOW THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR.**

“Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure  
those with leprosy, and cast out demons.” Matthew 10:8

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **THE AVAILABILITY OF GOD’S MERCY & GRACE.**

“Give as freely as you have received!” Matthew 10:8

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **FREELY LIKE JESUS.**

“Don’t take any money in your money belts...” Matthew 10:8

Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons; Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples. Luke 8:2–3

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **WHAT GOD PROVIDES THROUGH PEOPLE.**

“Whenever you enter a city or village, search for a worthy person and stay in his home until you leave town.” Matthew 10:11

5. \_\_\_\_\_ **PUT TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS.**

“If any household or town refuses to welcome you or listen to your message, shake its dust from your feet as you leave. I tell you the truth, the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah will be better off than such a town on the judgment day.” Matthew 10:14-15

That evening the two angels came to the entrance of the city of Sodom. Lot was sitting there, and when he saw them, he stood up to meet them. ... Genesis 19:1

6. \_\_\_\_\_ **IF THE GOSPEL IS REJECTED.**

- 1) Forgive - Let Go / Reconcile
  - 2) Repeat offense - still need mercy
  - 3) No apology - still doing harm?
- Lesson - extreme, life & death, spectrum

Never see God - but all agree: circumstances + judging  
God sees both sides clearly, fairly - Don't get in his way  
If ppl hurt you, subject to judgment - don't entice them!

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