

Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Matthew 10

1. Why do you think Jesus sent the disciples out on their own at this point in his ministry? How had he prepared them for this important step?
2. What "authority" did Jesus give the disciples before sending them out? Why does Jesus use the word *authority* here rather than the word *power*?
3. How are the disciples to act toward those who accept their message? Toward those who reject their message? To what extent do these instructions apply to ministry today?
4. What commands does Jesus give the disciples in vs. 16-33? What warnings? Why will the disciples be persecuted and what comfort does Jesus offer in the midst of trouble?
5. In Isaiah 1:6, Jesus is described as the Prince of Peace, but in Matthew 5:34, Christ describes himself as bringing not peace, but a sword. Describe in your own words how these two statements can be reconciled.
6. According to vs. 34-42, in what ways is the Christian life a paradox, involving both militancy and tenderness? In what specific ways have you found the warnings of these verses true in your own life?