

# **A Call for Courage** - Matthew 10:1-33

The Kingdom of God is breaking into this world. Jesus sent his disciples to share this message and warned them that persecution is coming as they share this good news. We too are called to share this same message, but often fear of what could happen stops us from sharing who Jesus is. In Matthew 10:1-33, Jesus challenges our fears of sharing the gospel by reminding us of God's intimate involvement in our lives

## **1. Sent Out (v. 1-15)**

## **2. Sheep Amongst Wolves (v. 16-25)**

## **3. Our Fears Challenged (v. 26-33)**

"Those who are still afraid of men have no fear of God, and those who have fear of God have ceased to be afraid of men." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**QUESTIONS** (Pray, read the passage, and pick 4-5 questions to discuss. Trust the Holy Spirit to guide.)

1. What ordinary activity in your weekly routine could become an opportunity to share Christ with others?
2. How can you become more intentional about living out the Great Commission in your current season of life?
3. What fears most often stop you from talking about Jesus with others?
4. When was the last time you took a spiritual risk for the sake of the gospel? What happened?
5. Is there someone you've been hesitant to invite to church, House Group, or into your life? What's holding you back?
6. How does remembering that God is intimately involved in your life help you face fear or anxiety?
7. In what situations are you most tempted to care more about people's opinions than God's approval?
8. Who first planted seeds of faith in your life, and how does that encourage you to keep planting seeds in others?
9. What does trusting God with the results of gospel conversations look like?
10. Have you ever stayed silent about your faith because you feared rejection, awkwardness, or criticism? What happened?