# Sending out the Twelve MATTHEW 10:5-15

- This morning we are going to look at three groups of people in our text.
- ► Background:
  - Jesus has selected twelve apostles.
  - They have sat through his instruction.
  - He has given them authority.
  - He has given them a mission.

Discuss the.....

#### FAITH OF THE DISCIPLES

- They had one job to do.
  - Proclaim "the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
  - Verify that fact with the power they had been given.
- They were told to take almost nothing.
- Didn't even know where they would stay.
- ▶ This was a testament to their faith.

Discuss the.....

#### REPUTATION OF THE HOST

- Inquire about someone worthy.
- Is your house worthy of boarding an apostle?
- ► What would this require?
  - Hospitable and generous
  - ► God-fearing
  - Good name (favorable opinion from peers)
- Think about who Jesus sent: zealot, idolater, tax-man

Discuss the.....

#### DOOM OF THE UNBELIEVERS

- Missed the blessing of God's word.
- Lost the fellowship of godly people.
- Procured the wrath of God.
  - More bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah.