Scripture
Matthew 10:5-23 (NLT)

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

10:5 Jesus sent out the twelve apostles with these instructions: "Don't go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, **6** but only to the people of Israel—God's lost sheep. **7** Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. **8** Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!"

9 "Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, **10** no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food.

11 "Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave.

12 "As you enter the house, greet it. **13** If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you."

14 "If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

15 "Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

16 "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

17 "Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; **18** and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.

19 "When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; **20** for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

21 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; **22** and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

23 "When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."