

Sovereign Grace Church
“The Original Jesus People” outline
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Matthew 10: 5-15

For better or worse, your pastor became a Christian during what was called the “Jesus Movement” of the 1960's and 70's. It was a stream of a much more complicated movement of youthful rebellion against the status quo. Francis Schaeffer devoted a chapter to analyzing this movement in his book, How Should We Then Live.

For me, the Jesus Movement was a time when “church” or “religion” became real. In our fellowship groups we would often ask one another what we were before we were saved. About half would say 'Catholic' and the other half would say 'Protestant'! It was considered a revival of sorts, but one that largely originated outside the mainstream religious or denominational establishments.

This morning we are going to look at an earlier example of what you might call a Jesus Movement. This was a movement actually originated by Jesus in the flesh & was also done from outside the religious establishment of His day. His followers were called disciples but they could just as easily been called Jesus People.....they were people who were personally consumed with their identity and communion with the person of Jesus. In our passage today Jesus is sending them out to carry on His ministry of bringing the Promise of Redemption to the “lost sheep” of Israel.

1. Where to go and who to see? vv. 5-6
 - God's People Israel

 - Why? Dt 7:6; Matt 1:21; 15:24; 3:8-10

 - A Remnant Gen. 7:1; Isa 10:22; Rom. 11:5

2. What to say and what to do? vv. 7-13
 - Preach

 - Heal

- **But not prepare very much! Matt. 6: 31-33; Isa 55: 11; Matt 10:40**

3. A Warning vv. 14-15

Matt 11: 20-24

Questions for Conversation and Discussion

- 1. Do you think that the church today could become as completely degenerate as did the “church” of Jesus' day? Why or why not? What are differences between the church of the new covenant era and Old Covenant Israel? What are similarities? How might definitions play a part in our analysis? Were the denominational divisions of our day an original part of Christ's vision for the church? How are denominations a bad thing? How might they be considered good or at least of some value?**
- 2. Do you know of anyone who departed for a particular ministry by preparing the same way that Jesus commanded His disciples to prepare? Did it turn out well? How might a case be made for greater material preparation for ministry trips today? How might a case be made for an approach more similar to Jesus'? Can you think of missionary enterprises that essentially did the same thing as Jesus commanded His disciples to do? How should our preparations illustrate our dependence upon Christ and His Kingdom?**
- 3. Do you give much thought to how you present the Gospel to other people or how you argue your case for biblical Christianity to those who oppose it? Is it possible to use God's sovereignty and predestinating power as a smokescreen to hide our own lack of responsibility in our witness for Jesus? What place does reason play in your apologetics? What place should it have? What place does ones character play?**