

Announcing Freedom

Sermon Series: *Faithful Witnesses - Sharing Your Faith Like Jesus*

Connect:

10-15 min

- * Share a favorite piece of advice with the person next to you. How has this advice affected your life?

Study:

25-35 min

- * What point stood out to you the most in last Sabbath's sermon from **Matthew 10:7-8**?
 - * How was the message challenging, helpful or troubling?
- * The word "apostle" literally means "sent out one." What kind of people did Jesus send out to witness for Him? **Matthew 10:2-4**
- * How did Jesus help them know what to say? **Matthew 10:7** (see also **Matthew 4:7 & 3:2**)
- * What did Jesus ask them to do besides preach? How might this have impacted their preaching? **Matthew 10:8a**
- * How did Jesus equip these men for their mission? **Matthew 10:8b, 1**

Apply:

10-15 min

- * How would someone outside of our church be benefited by knowing what you believe? How would a fellow Christian be blessed by the Seventh-day Adventist beliefs?
- * Who would you like to share your beliefs with? How could you begin sharing with this person?

Goal: Get everyone talking. This is supposed to set up people to see the importance of sharing their faith (far better than good advice because it's based on the creative Word of God).

- * James & John had anger issues, as a tax-collector, Matthew would have been viewed as a traitor whom Simon the Zealot would have at one point wanted to kill. Then there's Judas... See Mark 3:13-19 and Luke 6:12-16.
- * Jesus and John the Baptist modeled the sermon before asking them to preach it.
- * Jesus equipped the disciples to bring Freedom from sin to the people. Their message was connected with practical effects.
- * Notice that Jesus placed no limit on the amount of people they could help. He is a generous God!

Transformation: Every SDA belief is a picture of Jesus. Each belief brings Freedom into our lives. (ex - Sabbath: Jesus provides rest for our souls... no need to work for salvation; ex - Hell - Jesus is just and will not burn us forever... He's a God we can trust.)

Ask group to pray for each other's plans in sharing their faith.
