

## REV. YOU

### MARK 6:7-13

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.... We are therefore Christ's ambassadors....

—2 Corinthians 5:18, 20

#### HOW TO BE AN EXCELLENT AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ up.

*Mark 6:7; see also Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Acts 13:2; 15:39-40*

2. Exert your \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mark 6:7; see also Mark 16:17; Luke 10:17-19; John 14:12-14; Colossians 2:9-10*

3. Trust God for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mark 6:8-9; see also Matthew 6:31-34; Luke 22:35-36*

4. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mark 6:10; see also Philippians 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Hebrews 13:5*

5. Know when to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mark 6:11; see also Matthew 7:6; Luke 10:10-11; Acts 13:51; 2 Peter 3:9*

6. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.

*Mark 6:12; see also Mark 1:15; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 11:18; 17:30; 20:21*

7. Love people \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mark 6:13; see also Mark 1:41; 2:1-12; 16:17-18; Luke 6:31; 10:25-37.*

## TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Read Mark 6:7-13. Which sentence in this paragraph is most challenging to you personally? Why?
2. Do you believe you have the same measure of authority over demons that the apostles had? (Luke 10:17-19 and Colossians 2:9-10 may help you to answer this.) What do you think we should do and should not do when we confront evil spirits?
3. To what extent are you restricted in your service to the Lord by your preoccupation with financial security? What would you do differently if you were to fully obey Matthew 6:31-34 and Hebrews 13:5?
4. In your opinion, is it ever right to stop sharing the gospel with an unresponsive person? How do you balance Mark 6:11 with 2 Peter 3:9? Who do these passages make you think of?
5. Skim through the following passages: Mark 1:15; 6:12; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 11:18; 17:30; 20:21. Why do you think some passages on the gospel stress the need for repentance and others don't? When is it necessary to include a call to repentance in the gospel? When is it unnecessary?
6. How do you believe Mark 6:13 applies to 21<sup>st</sup> century ambassadors of Christ?