

Connecting Church and Home

Quarter 1, Week 8 :: **All The King's Men**

Treasure Story: Matthew 10:1-25

Many of us have a close group of friends we trust, with whom we hang out, and for whom we would do anything. They are like family to us, and we treat them as such. Jesus also had a close group of friends whom He called to be His disciples. These men were commissioned by God to go on mission preaching the Gospel, but they also faced persecution from those who did not believe Jesus was the Messiah.

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“God has clearly called and gifted some people in the church to teach his Word formally. At the same time, he has commanded every follower of Jesus to teach his Word relationally.”

– David Platt

Jesus had many followers called disciples, but from those followers He called and commissioned 12 men. Jesus prepared them for His mission, instructed them to proclaim repentance and the kingdom of heaven, and warned them that trouble would come from their obedience. They would do many great things in Jesus' name; however, Jesus' main concern was for them to teach the Gospel. This is a great example to us that above all we must preach the cross of Christ. Think about this calling as you participate in these activities:

- **The Calling from God:** This week, study how God calls people. Learn about individuals throughout the Scriptures whom God called. You can study men of the Old Testament, such as Noah, Abraham, and David. In the New Testament, learn more about Peter and Paul. Share with your kids how God has called certain individuals to do certain tasks but that He calls us all to share the message of Jesus Christ.
- **Pray for the Persecuted:** This week, study how God calls people. Learn about individuals throughout the Scriptures whom God called. You can study men of the Old Testament, such as Noah, Abraham, and David. In the New Testament, learn more about Peter and Paul. Share with your kids how God has called certain individuals to do certain tasks but that He calls us all to share the message of Jesus Christ.

My Mission As Parent

- Just as the apostles were called by God to minister to people, God has called us to minister to our children. Many times we don't think of our children as a mission field, yet they are. In fact, they are an important mission that God has given us. Teach your children the Gospel daily through the written Word and in how you live your life.
- We should not expect any less opposition than the disciples when we proclaim the message of the Gospel to the world. Jesus indicated that if they hate Him, they will also hate us. Teach your children how to handle persecution. Let them see the grace that flows from your heart when faced with hate because of your belief in Christ.

Prayer Points

- Pray that your family would be a bold witness for the Gospel.
- Pray for those who refuse to listen to you tell about Jesus or make fun of you for sharing. Ask God to have mercy on them so that they will confess their sin and accept Christ.
- Praise God that Jesus came and took our sins upon Himself that you might live in eternity with Him.