

The Gospel of Mark
Sent by Jesus
Mark 6:7-13

Is it really satisfying to any of us to simply exist, think that when we die, everything ends? Or is it more reasonable to believe that the purpose of life extends beyond our natural world and that we are wired to know something or someone bigger than we? The Bible points out in Romans 1:18 that men suppress or hold down within themselves the truth, and they do so in unrighteousness. They do so because God has shown us in many different ways evidence of His existence, and yet we refuse to believe.

1. We are sent with God's power.
2. We are sent with God's provision.
3. We are sent with God's peace.

If we believe the words of Jesus, then we must believe that there is a kingdom prepared that is not of this world. That kingdom is only accessed through salvation in Jesus Christ, a salvation that is granted when we call on the name of Jesus. We have been sent by Jesus with God's power, God's provision, and God's peace. Let's trust Him for all of these things and live boldly and passionately and with urgency for His gospel and His kingdom.

For further consideration

If you have ever served in any kind of apprenticeship, what do you remember about your training and about the first time you were left to do the work on your own? What are the advantages of working as a team in mission work? What are the dangers of going alone? How do you think the restrictions placed on what the apostles should take with them be applied today? How would you define repentance to someone who had never been in a church? What do you think is the definition of success with regard to our evangelism or mission efforts? Based on your idea of success, what would you define as failure?