**Fear God, Not Men**

Matthew 10:16-42

Key Verse: 10:28 “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

1. What should disciples expect when they go out into the world? (16) What does Jesus mean by “Be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves”?

2. What kinds of persecution (and by whom) are mentioned in verses 17-23? What is Jesus’ promise in the face of persecution? (19-20, 22) How can one know when to stand firm and when to flee? (22-23)

3. What are the things that disciples should fear and should not fear (26,28,31)? How can we overcome fear? What does it mean to acknowledge Jesus before others? (31-33)

4. Why does giving Jesus first priority cause conflicts and divisions? (34-37; cf. 1 Peter 2:6-8)

5. What does it mean for each of us to take up his cross and follow Jesus? (38-39; cf. Luke 9;23-24) What does it mean to find one’s life by losing it for Jesus’ sake? To lose one’s life by finding it?