

Message: “Going, But Not Coming Back”

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

Introduction

Movies: Apollo 13 and The Martian

Imagine a mission with no coming back. In 2013 more than 200,000 people said that they would go to Mars. Peter Felgentreff made the cut. NASA plans a mission in 2030, but the team plans to return.

I. **Jesus Is Recruiting**

Followers of Jesus have a similar mission.

A mission of no return? Could cost you everything?

Jesus: “Harvest is plentiful, volunteers are few!”

It’s a call to receiving a one-way ticket.

II. **The Initial Call**

What a motley crew, but they were the “sent ones”.

The importance of training, preparation and guidance.

III. **You Are The Crew!**

A. Disciples had a specific target.

B. A specific goal: Aim at nothing you can hit it every time.

- Jesus’ goal: Proclaim the good news!
- People all over the world are looking for a connection.

C. A sustainable plan – What is the plan?

- Jesus: I’ll sustain you, care for you.

D. A realistic picture of the future.

- The promise is there, you’re not alone, follow the plan.

IV. **The Mission of Friendship Celebration**

A. Who is God putting in your life?

- People are the same all over – without God something is missing

B. What is the goal?

- How much time do you spend in intentional discipleship?
- What relationships do you have with non-Christians or Christians not really connected?

C. What is our / my personal plan?

- Do you think about it? Who is on your radar?
- Who do you love that you want to spend eternity with?

D. What are you willing to risk?

- Talking about Jesus and your faith can be risky.

Epilogue

The call of Jesus

The example of Peter Felgentreff

No risk is worth more than the one Jesus has given us.