

Village People



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YMCA's stated purpose.....

'To put Christian principles
into practice developing
a healthy body, mind and spirit.

Building strong kids, strong families and strong
communities'

Matthew 9:35-38

Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages.

He taught in their meeting places,
reported kingdom news,
and healed their diseased bodies,
healed their bruised and hurt lives.

When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke.

So confused and aimless they were,
like sheep with no shepherd.

“What a huge harvest!” he said to his disciples.

“How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!”

Matthew 10: 1-4

The prayer was no sooner prayed
than it was answered.

Jesus called twelve of his followers
and sent them into the ripe fields.

He gave them power to kick out the evil spirits
and to tenderly care for the bruised and hurt lives.

Matthew 10: 5-8

Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge:

“Don’t begin by traveling
to some far-off place to convert unbelievers.
And don’t try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the
lost, confused people
right here in the neighborhood.
Tell them that the kingdom is here.
Bring health to the sick.
Raise the dead.
Touch the untouchables.
Kick out the demons.
You have been treated generously, so live generously.

Matthew 10: 16

“Stay alert.

This is hazardous work I’m assigning you.

You’re going to be like sheep
running through a wolf pack,
so don’t call attention to yourselves.

Be as shrewd as a snake, inoffensive as a dove.

Matthew 10: 16

....as innocent as a dove....

Matthew 6:13

....Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from the evil one....

Matthew 5:11

“Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you
because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
because great is your reward in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.

Matthew 10:24-25

“A student doesn’t get a better desk than her teacher.
A laborer doesn’t make more money than his boss.
Be content—pleased, even—when you,
my students, my harvest hands,
get the same treatment I get.
If they call me, the Master, ‘Dungface,’
what can the workers expect?”

Matthew 10:41-42

This is a large work I've called you into,
but don't be overwhelmed by it.

It's best to start small.

Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty,
for instance.

The smallest act of giving or receiving
makes you a true apprentice.

You won't lose out on a thing."