

Treasure Hunt

- What does it mean for someone to be “worthy” of Christ?
- Are the instructions in vv. 12-14 relevant in our present age? Why or why not?
- What do Sodom and Gomorrah (v. 15) and Tyre and Sidon have in common with each other, and with the Galilean cities with which they are compared?
- How does the structure of the “Difficulties and Reassurances” section recall the commissioning of Moses?
- What is unusual about what the Lord does with the disciples in v. 16a?
- How does our Lord exemplify the exhortation of v. 16b?

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What does it mean to be “worthy”?

7/41 NT instances are in ch. 10! 200x more common than in the rest of the NT.

Four instances describe the apostles:

Matthew 10:10 Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is **worthy** of his meat.

Matthew 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not **worthy** of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not **worthy** of me.

Matthew 10:38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not **worthy** of me.

The other three describe their hosts:

Matthew 10:11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is **worthy**; and there abide till ye go thence.

Matthew 10:13 And if the house be **worthy**, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not **worthy**, let your peace return to you.

10:12, Hospitality for Evangelists

Philippi:

Act 16:14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *us*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. 15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

Corinth:

Act 18:1 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; 2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. 3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

Luke's account at the sending of the 70:

Luk 10:5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace *be* to this house. 6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. 7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give:

Obeying v. 14

In Pisidian Antioch:

Act 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. 48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. 50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts. 51 But **they shook off the dust of their feet** against them, and came unto Iconium.

In Corinth:

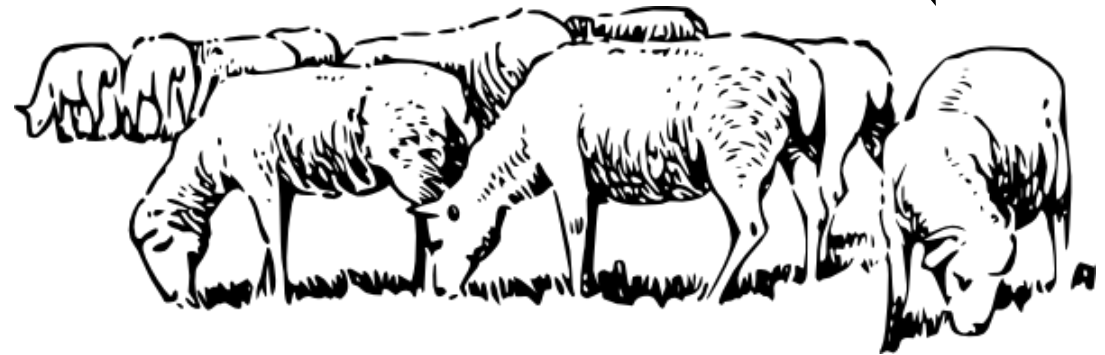
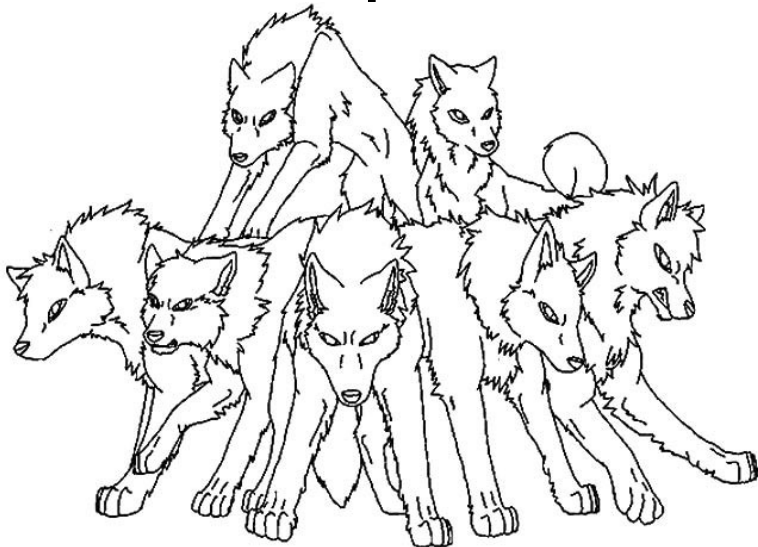
Act 18:5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews *that Jesus was Christ*. 6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, **he shook his raiment**, and said unto them, Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I *am* clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

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Wolves and Sheep

7:15 Beware of false prophets, which **come to you** in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.



10:16 Behold, I **send you forth** as sheep in the midst of wolves

Wolves: <http://www.selfcoloringpages.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Wolf-Pack-Coloring-Pages-Free-Printable.jpg> Sheep: http://www.clker.com/cliparts/f/d/7/d/12078864661788065112Gerald_G_Sheep_Grazing.svg

An example of 10:16

“wise as serpents ...”

Joh 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast *day*, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. 24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*, 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

“... and harmless [innocent] as doves”

Joh 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?