

## Marks of an Effective Ministry

### Discussion Questions for Mark 6:6-13

#### **Open It**

In what ways have you ever had to depend on others for some of your needs?

What does society tell us about depending on others?

When have you been able to give support to another person who was having problems?

#### **Explore It**

What task did Jesus give the disciples? (6:7)

What do Jesus' actions tell us about His attitude toward His men? (6:7)

How did Jesus send out the disciples? (6:7)

How did Jesus equip the disciples for their job? (6:7-11)

What specific instructions did Jesus give the Twelve? (6:8-11)

How did Jesus want His men to travel? (6:8-11)

Who was to provide the food and money for the disciples? (6:8)

What was the central focus of the mission of the Twelve? (6:7, 13)

What were the disciples to do if anyone would not welcome them? Why? (6:11)

What did Jesus mean by saying, "... as a testimony against them"? (6:11)

What does this episode tell us about why Jesus came to earth? (6:12-13)

#### **Get It**

How do you think the disciples felt about Jesus sending them on their assigned task?

Why do you think Jesus told His men to pack lightly?

How can you know whether God is directing you to do a specific task?

How do you feel when you receive a challenging opportunity like the one Jesus gave the disciples?

How has God equipped you for serving Him?

How can you apply Jesus' advice to your Christian witness at work?

How should you react to people who do not respond to the message of Christ?

What does this passage teach about our responsibility to those who minister full-time?

In what ways have you fallen short of what Jesus teaches in this passage?

What can you do to ensure your life is reflecting the same message that Jesus taught when He was on the earth?

How can you equip yourself for Christian service?

**Apply It**

What can you do this week to show support for someone who ministers full-time?

To whom can you take the message of Christ this week? How?