

**Mt.10.2a “The Greatest Task in the World!”**  
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The Lord’s **only** plan for reaching the world is for those who **know** Him to witness about Him to others.

God’s standards for His people, are extremely **high** (I Ti.3.1-12; Ti.1.6-9; II Pe.3.14).

God’s great **grace** is seen in undeserving and unqualified people to do His work.

God chose to bestow **sanctifying** grace and His own power to **transform** people to usefulness.

God’s work on earth is the history of His using the **unqualified**.

The focus of apostolic power in the N.T. is always on the **Lord** & exclusively the work of the **Holy Spirit**.

Emphasizing methods and men inevitably **weakens** the Church.

Jesus Christ can take a worthless life & **transform** it into a righteous child of God & a useful worker in His kingdom.

Jesus Christ **chooses** human hands, minds, arms, & feet - as instruments of His work of redemption.

When God empowers His people, no obstacle or enemy can **withstand** them.

To *become* His disciple costs nothing - Jesus Christ paid the total price for **salvation**.  
To *follow* Him as a faithful disciple costs **everything** we have.

The twelve men Jesus called as disciples and **transformed** into apostles were willing to pay everything.

- ✚ They were disciples (*mathētēs*), which means **follower** or **learner**.
- ✚ They were willing for Him to recreate their hearts and **transform** their lives.

False disciples are willing to accept whatever of the Gospel fits their personal inclinations & life-styles.

The offended disciples understood that **to accept** Christ’s demand to eat His flesh and drink His blood meant **to give up** their old life.

The apostles were the **channels** of Christian theology, evangelism, and the first **examples** of godly, virtuous living for the Church to follow.

The disciples were about to enter what might be called their **internship**.

Their **first** responsibility was to *“proclaim... saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand’ ”* (v.7).

The apostles (“those who heard”) **confirmed** what Jesus preached.

There has never been a task equal to that of those common men whom the Lord chose to be His first agents of ministry in setting in motion the advancement of the Kingdom of God on **earth**.