

# PREACHING CURRICULUM



**SERMON TITLE:** The Dangers of Christian Mission

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 10:6-25

*“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves...”*

## 1

### REVIEW THE SERMON

**Read Matthew 10:16-25.** What dangers could Jesus’s disciples expect to encounter as they went out on their preaching mission?

**See verse 16.** What does it mean to be “wise as serpents and innocent as doves”?

Why did Jesus send out his disciples “as sheep in the midst of wolves” knowing that they would encounter persecution and opposition? Didn’t he care about their safety?

How did Jesus instruct his disciples to respond when they encountered persecution?

**See verses 24 and 25.** According to Jesus, how should his disciples expect to be treated by the rest of the world?

## 2

### ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How much does the concept of “suffering” factor into your understanding of the Christian life? In other words, do you think that suffering is something that should be expected while following Christ? Why or why not?

What challenges and opposition have we faced as a church recently? How have we responded?

## 3

### APPLY THE TRUTH

How do we prepare ourselves, our children and our church to endure persecution over the long term? What challenges might we face in the future? How might we respond? What biblical strategies might we employ?

As we face the prospect of enduring opposition for the sake of Christ, what can we look to for hope and encouragement? How can we find the strength and courage to face persecution and difficulty?

## 4

### COMMIT THIS WEEK

How can we look to the Lord for strength and courage as we face the challenges of this week?