



# DIGGING DEEPER

Matthew 10v16-25 – Expectations for Mission

**PLEASE READ** – Matthew 10v16-25

## **GETTING STARTED**

Why is it important that we have realistic expectations when it comes to the work of mission?

Is the landscape changing in the UK? Is our nation becoming more hostile to the gospel?

### **1) EXPECT OPPOSITION**

Talk about the 'sheep' and 'wolves' language in v16. What sort of shepherd would send out his sheep, knowing that the wolves are waiting?

Because that's how it is (sheep to wolves) this is how we should be (snakes and doves). In what way should we be like snakes and doves? What might this look like in practice? Try and ground it in real life scenarios...

Which is your greater danger...

Avoiding opposition by saying too little or bringing opposition on yourself by being careless with your words?

What does v24-25 add to our understanding of what to expect?

## 2) EXPECT HELP

Talk about the promise in v19-20. How does it apply to us today?

When do you most need God's help in defending the faith?

Discuss the comment below as you reflect upon the promise in v22...

*'God never promises us a comfortable journey, but he does promise us a safe arrival'*

How does v23 tie in with what we looked at last week in v14 as well as the picture of the shrewd snake?

Pray for yourselves and for those on your prayer cards!

### **Meditate on the words of Jesus in Mark 8v34**

**Mark 8v34:** Whoever want to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.