

## Luke 10 pt 1 vs. 01-12

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup> Then He said to them, "The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. <sup>5</sup> But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' <sup>6</sup> And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. <sup>9</sup> And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.' <sup>12</sup> But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

1. We learn so much by watching our Lord
2. We learn lessons on leadership
  - a. On getting things done effectively through other people
3. Lessons on what a servant of God looks like
4. Lessons on the method of evangelism – people reaching people
  - a. His instructions here on how to do it are very clear
    - i. Stay in one home
    - ii. Speak peace over them
    - iii. Eat whatever they place before you...
5. But perhaps the most important lesson is the heart this letter
6. **Luke 19:10** for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

## **Last time, mercy displayed & discipleship explained**

### **I. Jesus' care for the messengers**

### **II. Jesus' care for the recipients**

1. God cares for all of us
2. A construction crew was building a new road through a rural area, knocking down trees as it progressed. A superintendent noticed that one tree had a nest of birds who couldn't yet fly and he marked the tree so that it would not be cut down. Several weeks later the superintendent came back to the tree. He got into a bucket truck and was lifted up so that he could peer into the nest. The fledglings were gone. They had obviously learned to fly. The superintendent ordered the tree cut down. As the tree crashed to the ground, the nest fell clear and some of the material that the birds had gathered to make the nest was scattered about. Part of it was a scrap torn from a Sunday school pamphlet. On the scrap of paper were these words: He careth for you.

### **I. Jesus care for the messengers**

1. This is different than the 12 going only to the house of Israel
2. Here the 70 will cover Israel & the Gentile villages
3. **Many have been following Him now for some time**
4. **Now it's time to appoint the 70 also along with the 12**
  - a. 12 is the number of Government for Israel – 12 tribes
    - i. Jesus selects 12 Apostles to begin with

- ii. Represents a new nation (Spiritual)
- b. 70 is also an important number
  - i. When Moses delegated to others, he found 70
  - ii. 70 Scholars made up the Septuagint – Hebrew Bible translated into Greek
  - iii. The Jewish Sanhedrin is made up of 70 elders
  - iv. So it's a symbolic figure of a delegation of authority
- c. According to Jewish belief, there were 70 known languages on the earth at the time that Moses received the 10 commandments
  - i. So it may be a statement by the Lord that a delegation given supreme authority is on the move
- d. These men have watched Jesus perform miracles
- e. They've learned from His sermons
- f. They've spent time with Him
- g. This is helpful for us to learn from
  - i. As disciples, we need to spend personal time with Jesus to**
    - 1. To begin to understand who God is
    - 2. To capture His heart for them personally
    - 3. To capture His heart for the lost
  - a. This is to be our priority**
  - ii. There is a natural progression of:**
    - 1. Sitting at His feet
    - 2. Learning from the Master

### 3. Duplicating what He does

h. As we're watching the disciples and what God is doing in their lives

i. God wants to do the same in ours

#### i. **Disciples cannot remain observers forever**

i. They receive in order to give

ii. They learn so they can teach

1. It's time for them to put their faith into action

2. Any healthy relationship involves give & take

3. **If we are not serving in any capacity,**

a. We miss what God has for us & wants to do through us

b. It forces us to question the genuineness of our faith

4. True joy is putting other first by serving them

iii. Some will serve by preaching the truth

iv. Others will serve in other ways – according to their gifting

v. They'll find true joy by giving freely what they've freely received

#### 5. **Now they are ready to go out**

#### 6. **With this commission, timeless principles are mentioned which demonstrate God's Care**

- i. Prayerful**
- ii. Pairs**
- iii. Provision**
- iv. Precaution**

**a. A disciple is to be Prayerful**

- i. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest**
- ii. Part of your privilege as a disciple is to pray;
- iii. Not just for God to use you (You, you...), but to pray for more laborers as the harvest is plentiful
- iv. Pray for Laborers, not supervisors or critics
- v. That God would raise up people of integrity who carry the heart of Christ and obedient to serving others
- vi. Praying this way means allowing God to mold me into a person of integrity willing to carry His burden for the lost
- vii. Being able to pray like this for others shows that I'm coming out of my shell of being concerned with only myself – it means I'm growing...
- viii. So disciples, be prayerful as Jesus tells us because the harvest is plentiful
- ix. We know its plentiful because the cults are doing a great job of evangelizing their false gospel and many are swayed

**b. Disciples go out in Pairs / Fellowship**

- i. Jesus send them out in groups of two
  - a. Some of these pairs were so different in personality
    - i. There is beauty in the variety

**ii. Doing ministry / life with others is protection for you**

- a. We all have times when we fail and stumble
- b. **Eccl 4:9** Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up
- c. We're not designed to do this alone

**iii. Nothing brings more joy to God's heart than to see unity**

- 1. **Psalm 133** Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity

**iv. Genuine unity in ministry / life indicates a heart in the right place**

- a. It's a natural outcome of sitting at Jesus feet
- v. Unity ushered in the day of Pentecost **Acts 2**

**vi. Who are you doing life with?**

**c. Disciples don't have to worry about Provision**

- i. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road
- ii. **They were sent with a dependency on God**
  - 1. God will provide
    - a. Learn to trust God as the only and ultimate provider
    - b. Your own resources are not sufficient for this trip
    - c. **Hudson Taylor** "The Lord will pay for what He orders"
  - 2. **It's critical to learn this lesson in the onset of ministry**
    - a. For us in a real practical way, Jesus is saying don't be concerned with money or possessions, clothing or anything else on this journey of life
      - i. **Simply rely on God who will take care of you**
    - b. **Luke 12:22** For this reason I say to you, do not worry about your life, as to what you will eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds! 25 And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life's span?
      - a. Relying on your own ability or resources does not work

- b. **Paul** learned it:
  - i. My God shall supply all your needs...

**d. Disciples are given a word of Precaution / you will face opposition**

- i. Not every home will receive you
- ii. This journey is not a trip to Disneyland.
- iii. As sheep, wolves will have lunch with some of you.
- iv. Some will be martyred or imprisoned or beaten or at the very least, rejected.
- v. This doesn't sound like a good pep talk
- vi. **Care and love speaks the truth**
  - 1. Not all people will embrace this message
  - 2. You will face rejection
    - a. It's part of the process
      - i. It's normal
  - 3. Shake the dust off your feet and walk away
  - 4. Peoples acceptance or rejection is not your confirmation of ministry
  - 5. **Luke 6:26** Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you
  - 6. "I will be with you every step of the journey"
  - 7. Don't give up and be faithful with what you've been given

## **II. Jesus' care for the recipients**

### **3. Concept of God; Culture ; Cure the sick**

#### **a. Concept of God**

##### **i. The kingdom of God is near you**

- ii. People will not know that God is near and that He cares unless others tell them
- iii. They won't know to stop trying to please an unknown God by doing religious activities
- iv. Tell them there is a God in heaven who cares for them
- v. He cares enough to offer Himself as a sacrifice to solve the sin problem
- vi. That there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun
- vii. To reveal His heart to His people

##### **viii. Tell them that God is near**

- 1. People think God is distant & angry - NOT TRUE
- 2. God brings disease on them - NOT TRUE
- 3. People blame God for the challenges in their life -  
GOD IS INNOCENT OF ALL EVIL

### **4. Respect their Culture / Customs**

- a. **Eat whatever is set before you & don't jump from house to house**
- b. Don't complain or compare your culture

- c. In that culture, they view things as a tapestry
- d. The differences are designed by God to show variety
- e. God doesn't want people to change the external culture, but a change of heart within their culture
- f. He loves them where they are in the beauty of their unique customs

**5. Cure the sick and help in practical ways**

- a. **Heal the sick**
- b. God cares so much for their entire beings – including their bodies that are sick
- c. You'll find missionaries giving testimonies about how many are healed on their trips
- d. God wants to bring healing and restoration to those who are lost and without hope
- e. Little gets people's attention about the gospel than when they see a physical healing
- f. That's probably why Jesus went around healing so much
- g. Perhaps we don't see as much here because there are plenty of other options to medicate sicknesses

**6. In essence, Jesus is saying to bring in the God kind of care**

- a. Care by teaching about who God is – the concept of God
- b. Care by respecting every culture
- c. Care by taking steps of faith to pray over the sick

7. God's care is for both the messengers and those receiving the message
8. The disciples will only be fully alive and engaged in the perfect will of God as they give – serve others
9. God cares for those receiving the message because life is only found in the person of Christ
  - a. Life without Him here on earth is meaningless and empty
  - b. Life without Him in eternity is dark and will bring suffering that has no end
10. **He cares for you**