



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of August 7, 2022

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text: Luke 10:1-16

[1] After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. [2] And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. [3] Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. [4] Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. [5] Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' [6] And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. [7] And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. [8] Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. [9] Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' [10] But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, [11] 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' [12] I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. [13] "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. [14] But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. [15] And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. [16] "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

Discussion Questions

1. In our sermon this week, we heard that Jesus differentiates between people as either INSIDE His kingdom or OUTSIDE of it. Why is this the most fundamental distinction between people, even more so than race, gender, socio-economic status, or family? Why must Christians understand this distinction and what impact does it have on evangelism?
2. What do you find yourself praying for most often? Do you regularly pray for the lost and for God to send more laborers into the harvest field? If so, describe how you pray (when/how and for what/whom do you pray?) If not, how does praying for the lost increase our desire and willingness to share the gospel?

3. Jesus sent His disciples out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Why do you think He would do such a thing? Similarly why would He send them out without provisions (no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals). Is this how all missionaries should be sent into the mission field? Explain your answer.
4. If people reject you when sharing the Gospel with them, what do you think is a modern day equivalent of wiping the dust off your feet? Is Jesus asking His disciples to be rude to those who reject Him? What are the consequences of rejecting Jesus?
5. Jesus identifies Himself with His people. Jesus said when people reject His disciples who proclaim the gospel, they are, in effect, rejecting Him. How does knowing this about Jesus help you in your evangelism?