



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of August 14, 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 10:17-24

[17] The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" [18] And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. [19] Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. [20] Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." [21] In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. [22] All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." [23] Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! [24] For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the disciples rejoiced more about defeating the works of Satan, than even the ability to physically heal the sick? What did these disciples understand about where humanity's true problems lie? Personally, how have you seen the works of Satan being defeated?
2. For the Christian, there is an even greater joy in knowing that our names are written in heaven. How often do you stop in your busy day to reflect on the joy of your salvation? What impact on your daily life would such reflection have?
3. From our passage this week, we learned that Jesus rejoices over our salvation and gives all the credit, glory and praise to the eternal triune God. Salvation does not come to us because we are so wise and understanding but because Jesus chooses to reveal Himself to us. The only difference between the greatest sinner and the believer, is the grace of God. How should

this knowledge affect the way you interact with and share the gospel with a sinful unbelieving world? How would you respond to the question, why does God choose some and not others?

4. How is every Christian today blessed and privileged beyond Abraham, Moses, David, and John the Baptist? How should this “privilege” fuel and direct your joy?
5. What fills you with the most joy? Do you believe the joy God provides to you is all you need? If so, how does this show up in how you live? If not, what else do you think you need?