

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

The Center of Everything: The Commission

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Luke 10:1-16



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Sermon Outline

Our Work as Christian Laborers:

- I. Pray (Luke 10:2)
- II. Go (Luke 10:3)
 - a. There will be risk (Luke 10:3)
 - b. God will provide (Luke 10:4-8)
- III. Help (Luke 10:9)
- IV. Speak (Luke 10:9)
 - a. "There's a King...
 - b. ...and he's come for you."

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?
2. The seventy-two mentioned in Luke 10:1 are different from the twelve disciples that are Jesus' closest friends. One author once said, "Ministry is not confined to a select few." How are you tempted to think you're not included in the work described in this passage? What changes in your life would take place if you saw yourself *as* included?
3. Take a few minutes to think broadly about how "regular" Christians might pray, go, help, and speak.
4. Why do you think Jesus says that "the harvest is plentiful" and what do you think he means by "the laborers are few" (Luke 10:2)?
5. What do you think it means to pray "earnestly" (Luke 10:2)? Would you describe your prayers like that? Why or why not? What would make your prayers more earnest?
6. How does knowing that there's a "Lord of the harvest" (Luke 10:2) encourage you in your work *in* it?

7. What do you think are the top reasons some Christians won't "go" where God may be sending them (whether it's somewhere far away or somewhere they already are)? What tends to keep *you* from stepping out in faith?
8. How have you seen God provide for you when you *have* stepped out in faith?
9. Skim over Luke 10:4-8 and notice how God's provision comes through the generosity of others. What opportunities might you have to support and encourage those who labor for the Gospel? How have you experienced that support and encouragement from others?
10. In Luke 10:4, Jesus is trying to communicate to the seventy-two the *urgency* of the mission he's given them. What kills Christian urgency? How can we become *more* mindful of the little time we have to do the work God has given us to do?
11. What are some tangible needs you could meet in the name of Jesus? How have you seen (either in your own life or others) how meeting tangible needs opens the door of the Gospel?
12. Where else in Scripture does Jesus meet tangible and/or physical needs? Take a few minutes to peruse the Bible.
13. Why is it important to pair helping with speaking? What do we miss if we only focus on one?
14. What makes you hesitant to speak the message of the Gospel to other people?
15. In Luke 10:9, Jesus offers a summary of the message he gave the seventy-two: "The kingdom of God has come near to you." It's a good outline for what we can say to those who don't know Jesus: "There's a King and he's come for you." Take a few minutes in pairs to work out how you might unpack that in 1-2 minutes.