



## Week 7

Series: Equipped

Sermon Title: Before Us & Behind Us

Sermon Text: Luke 10:1-16

Group Week of: June 9, 2024

Sermon Date: June 16, 2024

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
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Day 2	The Harvest – Matthew 9:35-38
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Day 5	The Kingdom of God – Matt 4:12-17

**The Text:** Luke 10:1-9

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup>He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup>Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup>Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

<sup>5</sup>“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ <sup>6</sup>If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. <sup>8</sup>“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

## Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) you see Jesus giving to His disciples (and us) through this text?
- 2) When verse 1 says “after this,” what events from chapter 9 do you think Luke wants us to consider?

## **Discussion Guide Questions**

- 1) Jesus tells His disciples to “pray for more workers” even though He had just sent three men away who claimed to want to be His disciples. If there is such a need, why doesn’t Jesus accept everyone who says that they want to be His disciple?
  
- 2) What were the reasons that Jesus sent those three away? Ask yourself if you would give Jesus the same excuses. Share your thoughts on the depths of your dedication and willingness to follow Christ with your life group. What, if anything, would you like to change, and how will you do it?
  
- 3) These disciples, like John the Baptist, were working to prepare the way for Jesus. And yet, God goes before the disciples and prepares people in cities who will provide for their needs as they do the work Christ has given them to do. In this, God goes before the disciples, and Christ comes after. How have you seen God work this way in your life? How does that help you with fears of people in the work of evangelism?
  
- 4) Jesus boldly tells His disciples, “I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.” According to human wisdom, a band of 72 sheep would get massacred by a world filled with wolves. What does this tell you about God’s plans for your life and His Kingdom?
  
- 5) The disciples are not allowed to bring provisions. This was Jesus’ expectation for the disciples for this short mission trip to help develop their faith. Nevertheless, often God continues to call His children to live on less than they think they need and depend on His provision through other people. Have you ever had to live this way? Share your story and the lessons learned in the process.
  
- 6) Saying “peace to this house” is not a flippant sentimental statement but an actual gift of the presence and favor of the Lord. Do you believe that the peace of God is with you? Do you meditate on it and abide in it, or do you spend your time worrying and feeding your anxieties? How can we Christians dwell more in the peace we have in Christ?
  
- 7) The disciples are not simply to receive hospitality; they are to go and share the message of the gospel and heal the sick. They are to say, “The Kingdom of God has come near to you.” Discuss with your life group what you think this means and how we can live in such a way that we can say to others, “The Kingdom of God has come near to you” wherever we go.