



**Week 8**

**Series:** Equipped

**Sermon Title:** Celebrating the Real Win

**Sermon Text:** Luke 10:17-24

**Group Week of:** June 16, 2024

**Sermon Date:** June 23, 2024

<b>Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies</b>	
<b>Day 1</b>	Jesus & the Holy Spirit – Luke 4:1-19
<b>Day 2</b>	Fruit of the Spirit – Galatians 5:22-26
<b>Day 3</b>	The Children – Matthew 18:1-5
<b>Day 4</b>	God’s Wisdom – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
<b>Day 5</b>	Prophets & Kings – 1 Peter 1:10-12

**The Text:** Luke 10:21-24

<sup>21</sup> At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>22</sup> “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

<sup>23</sup> Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. <sup>24</sup> For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

**Textual Questions**

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) you see Jesus giving to His disciples (and us) through this text?
- 2) Who are the “little children” given the context of Luke 10:1-24?
- 3) Who are the “prophets and kings” who wanted to see what the disciples saw?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) In Luke 4:1, we saw how Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, went into the wilderness to fast and prepare for His testing with Satan. In Luke 4:14, we saw Jesus preach in the power of the Spirit throughout Galilee. We know that Jesus' ministry was empowered by the Holy Spirit, but here in Luke 10:21, the Holy Spirit also produces joy in Jesus. Do you think of Jesus as being full of the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-26)? Reflect on what it means that Jesus experienced the fruit of the Spirit, and then connect this to your own experience. Discuss with your group how this relates to your own ability to feel and practice love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, etc.
  
- 2) Jesus praises the Father because the gospel had been revealed to the "children" but not to the "wise and learned." Who are the wise and learned, and why do you think the Father chose *not* to reveal Himself or Jesus to them? What is it about human wisdom and learning that God finds offensive?
  
- 3) Jesus praises the Father for revealing the truths of the gospel, particularly who Jesus truly is, to the children. Discuss with your life group about who the "children" are. Remember that the "children" are the opposite of the "wise and learned." Why does it please God to let children see the truth and yet conceal it from the wise and the learned? What is it about human "childlikeness" that God finds pleasing?
  
- 4) Jesus clearly teaches His disciples that no one can know either God the Father or God the Son unless they choose to reveal themselves.
  - a. Do you find this to be an encouraging or a discouraging truth?
  
  - b. Why is this not only encouraging but praiseworthy for Jesus?
  
- 5) If people could see and believe in God through the power of human communication, then it would make sense to train ourselves to become the best debaters and presenters possible so that we can save as many sinners as possible. However, Jesus is showing us that God must do the work of revealing Himself to people. How does this change the way we train and prepare for missionary work?
  
- 6) The disciples were blessed to see what prophets and kings longed to see. What about us? We do not get to physically walk with Jesus as His disciples did. Is there a blessing that we have, or are we in the same position as those prophets and kings from long ago? Discuss the blessedness of the church with your life group and give God glory for the blessings as you recognize them.