
A Church for the Whole Family

Part 6: Sharing In the Mission

Luke 10:1-17 (NIV)

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. ²He 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. ³Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road."

⁵"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. ⁷Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house."

⁸"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' ¹⁰But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near.'"

¹⁶"He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

1. THE INVITATION OF THE MISSION IS PERSONAL AND EMPHATIC.

v. 1 *"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."*

v. 3 *"Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."*

Acts 1:8 (CEV)

"But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world."

- All of us are called to be on mission with God.
- While He enlists all believers, the call to action is personal.
- Being on mission is not optional or for the "gifted" few.

2. THE TIMING OF THE MISSION IS CRUCIAL AND URGENT.

v. 2 *"...The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few..."*

v. 4 *"Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road."*

v. 7 *"...Do not move around from house to house."*

2 Corinthians 6:2 (NKJV)

For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

- Jesus reminds us of the crucial nature of the mission.
- There is urgency surrounding our mission.
- As a family, we are invited to move quickly to be a part of God's plan.

3. THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION IS ALREADY GUARANTEED.

v. 17 *"The seventy-two returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.'"*

- Being on mission with God guarantees success.
- Success is first discovered in the act of going.