



## INTRODUCING JESUS: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 10:1-24

### Community Group Study Guide Week of August 9, 2020

The Christian call to evangelism is undeniable. It is stated blatantly in the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20. Luke 10:1-24 further emphasizes the imperative for all Christians to live lives centered on making disciples. The call of a disciple is great, requiring one to have steadfast faith, intense focus and trust in God for ultimate justice (v.1-15), but Luke 10:1-24 makes it clear that the Christian marches forward on mission in this life with great power (v.9,17-19). Is that power found in Christ's disciples themselves? No. The power is in the proclamation of the kingship and name of Jesus Christ, the Word himself (v.16-20).

The power of God's word didn't move in and through the preaching of the name of Christ only in Christ's day or in the day of the apostles. Christ tells the 72 upon their return that they will continue to have power over Satan's despicable servants in the future (v.19). When Christians share the gospel today, they access the same power in God's word as the early disciples.

Is the power of the God's word to be wielded simply for the joy of the Christian or for the attainment of living with great purpose? Not primarily. Christ tells his disciples, it's to be wielded with confidence and humility, out of a deep love for their Heavenly Father, whose presence will be their eternal reward (v.20). By grace they have access to His love and His power, therefore all of their missionary efforts shall come from a position of true love for Him and His will, as exemplified by Christ (v.21-22). Any other motive for service to the kingdom will prove insufficient for a servant of Christ to march forward with lasting joy in this life.

### DISCUSSION GOALS

#### Head

To know the power of the word of God.

#### Heart

To carry out our ministry praising God for his grace, attributes and sovereign will, like Jesus Christ did.

#### Hands

To share the word of God with boldness, confidence and humility with joy in our hearts.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### In-Person Worship on August 23:

We will return to in-person worship services on August 23. Read this link for more details:

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# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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## **Read Luke 10:1-24**

1. Describe your level of dependence (or lack of dependence) upon God's word in the past few months.
2. What kind of feelings arise in you when you think about the command for all Christians to share the gospel?
3. Is the fruitfulness of a disciple determined by his or her own strength? Where does the authority of God's word come from? Do disciples in our time have access to the power of God's word?
4. What are some of the different ways that the power of God's word, coupled with the work of the Holy Spirit, moves while we share the gospel? What other ways does it move in the lives of true believers? What effect does God's word have on non-believers?
5. What should be the main motivation for a Christian to do God's work in this life? What inspired Christ's prayer in verses 21 and 22? For what attributes does Christ praise the Father in these verses?
6. What is the ultimate reward in heaven? Why?
7. Why should someone look at the person and acts, particularly his death and resurrection, as the test of Christianity? Why did God's revelation (the books of the Bible) stop with Jesus and his apostles?
8. Christ tells the 72 to proclaim, "The Kingdom of God has come near to you." How is this an expression of the gospel? Why is it important to mention the lordship or kingship of Christ when sharing gospel?
9. **Read verse 4.** What things should we trust God to provide while living on mission for him? What should our level of focus be on our task? What are some "things" along the road that might slow us down?
10. **Read verses 5-12.** What lessons can you learn from these verses about the way you spend your time as a disciple of Christ? How do these lessons impact how you invest your time in discipleship relationships?
11. When not received well or sinned against, in whom does a Christian rely on for justice? What principles should guide our response to injustice in this life?