

Luke 10

Jesus Heart

I. Seventy Sent

1 After these things the Lord appointed **seventy** others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where **He Himself was about to go.**

After teaching on Discipleship/After sending the 12
Jesus appoints seventy more to prepare the way for Him

2 Then [Jesus] said to them, "**The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few** 2 therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into **His harvest.**

Jesus saw a harvest before there was a harvest

- **John 4:** Samaritan Women at the Well

1. **Convicted** of Sin
2. **Received** Living Water
3. **Evangelized** her whole town

Apostles show up w/food...Why is Jesus talking to this woman?
My food is to do the will of My Father...

John 4:35 ...Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and **look at the fields**, for they are already **white for harvest!** 36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

Harvest is Great...Laborers are Few
Jesus Instructs the Seventy...

3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as **lambs among wolves.** 4 Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. 5 But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

If they receive you...It means they receive Me

7 And **remain in the same house**, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. **Do not go from house to house.** 8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. 9 And **heal the sick** there, and say to them, '**The kingdom of God has come near to you.**' 10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'The very

dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'

- Stay at one homebase/Don't go from house to house
- I will provide for you by those you stay with

When you arrive at each city
Heal the Sick/Declare the Kingdom of God is near

IOWs Jesus the King is coming
Wherever the King is...so is His Kingdom

Those who reject message of the Kingdom
Are still accountable for the message of the Kingdom

1 Samuel 8:7...they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me.

12 But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

- How many miss the Kingdom *by an inch*?
 1. **Herod** almost believed
 2. **Pilate** almost believed
 3. **King Agrippa** almost believed...

Acts 26:27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe." 28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "**You almost persuade me to become a Christian.**" 29 And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains." 30 When he had said these things, the king stood up...

The world is responsible for what they see/Hear re. the Truths of God
To whom much is given...Much will be required

Light is Revelation of Truth
Revelation of Truth demands a choice: Accept or Reject

Every time we share the Gospel
We declare the King is near...We bring the King/Kingdom near. What say you?

Romans 2:4 ...do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your **hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath** in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God...

Jesus names off the cities that will reject the Message of the Kingdom

13 "**Woe to you, Chorazin!** Woe to you, **Bethsaida!** For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be

more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. 15 And you, **Capernaum**, who are exalted to heaven, will **be brought down to Hades**. 16 **He who hears you hears Me**, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

Capernaum was Jesus home-base
No favorites...All must make a choice for/against the King/Kingdom

Reject us/Reject Jesus...Reject Jesus/Reject God the Father

The 70 go out and preach the Kingdom
v1 ... They went into every city and place where He Himself was about to go

II. Seventy Return

17 Then the seventy **returned with joy**, saying, "Lord, **even the demons are subject to us in Your name**."

Jesus promised success to the 70...The Harvest would be great
They enjoyed greater success than could be imagined

Even the demons took off at Your Name!

18 And Jesus said to them, "**I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven**."

I watched Satan fall from heaven...I was with you
It was My Authority on you/My power in you

19 Behold, **I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions**, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

I give you *My Authority* over demons
I give you *My Power* over the enemy

20 **Nevertheless do not rejoice in this**, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

Jesus brings them back to point
Warns against spiritual pride

Worldliness is not the trap that most endangers us as Christian workers; nor is it sin. The trap we fall into is extravagantly desiring spiritual success. Never seek after anything other than the approval of God. [Chambers]

Don't rejoice in the power you have over evil
Instead rejoice that I have overcome the *evil that is in you*

21 In that hour **Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit** and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and **revealed them to babes**. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit: Lit. Exceptional Rejoicing and Exultation
Jesus rejoiced in the Father's plan: Ignore the arrogant/Call the humble

1 Corinthians 1:26 ...you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— 31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."

The Kingdom of God is given to babes
Those w/Childlike faith/Humility...

Jesus said He would suffer and die
The boys began to argue who was the greatest...

Matthew 18:2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Undiluted Faith/Childlike Humility
Exact opposite of asking who is the greatest

22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

▪ **Three statements of Jesus:**

1. All things are Mine by My Father
2. No one knows Jesus except the Father
3. No one knows the Father except Jesus AND Who Jesus reveals the Father to

Q. Who does Jesus reveal the Father to?
A. Those who humble themselves as a child

Luke 1:52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And **exalted the lowly**.

James 4:6 God resists the proud, But gives **grace to the humble**.

23 Then Jesus turned to His disciples and said privately, "**Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see** 24 for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

IOWs You began humbly/You saw/heard the unimaginable
Stay humble...See/hear even more

Humility reveals God/Pride conceals God...

III. Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 And behold, a **certain lawyer stood up** and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus finishes His lesson on Humility
Immediately [behold] A Lawyer stood up to test Him

So, what do I have to do to inherit Eternal Life?

26 [Jesus] said to him, "**What is written in the law?** What is your reading of it?" 27 So he answered and said, "'**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,**' and '**your neighbor as yourself.**'" 28 And [Jesus] said to him, "You have answered rightly; **do this and you will live.**"

Sounds like the lawyer heard Jesus say this before?

29 But [the Lawyer], wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And **who is my neighbor?**"

Typical lawyer: Depends on what the definition of is...*is*
NOTE: He already assumed he loved God: Moves on to part B

What does it mean to love my neighbor as myself?

30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A **certain man** went down from **Jerusalem** to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, **leaving him half dead.** 31 Now by chance a **certain priest** came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a **certain Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 So he went to him and **bandaged** his wounds, **pouring** on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take

care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

Samaritans/Jews hated one another
Jewish man heads from Jerusalem to Jericho

- Jewish man beat to the ground
- 2 Jewish BGG's pass: Could be dead/I would be unclean

A Samaritan w/every earthly reason to despise him
...**Shows him Mercy**

- **Wine:** Antiseptic
- **Oil:** Medicine
- **Bandaged**
- **Mule:** While he walked
- **Money:** 2-3 weeks' worth
- **Hope:** Whatever else

36 So which of these three [Priest/Levite/Samaritan] do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"37 And [the lawyer] said, "**He who showed mercy on him.**"

The Lawyer could not even say the word "Samaritan"
The *one who showed mercy in action* was the neighbor

36b...Then Jesus said to him, "**Go and do likewise.**"

Find a half-dead Samaritan and do the same?

IOWs Be kind to all w/out partiality. Be like God
Show mercy by not giving people what *you think* they deserve

Matthew 5:43 You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? **48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.**

The proud lawyer did not have the ability to do likewise
He needed to be born again. That was the answer to his question

...what the law demands of us the only the gospel can produce in us. [Spurgeon]

IV. Mary and Martha

38 Now it happened **as they went that He entered a certain village**; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

- Mary, Martha and Jesus best friend Lazarus: Siblings living in Bethany
- Martha took care of the house/Welcomed Jesus in/Jesus in the sunroom

In the Kitchen everything was just perfect...Just so
Meanwhile Mary sat at Jesus feet/Listened intently to Jesus Words

40 But Martha was **distracted with much serving**, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, **do You not care that my sister has left me** to serve alone? Therefore, **tell her to help me.**"

Martha heard the conversation/Starts to boil
Begins banging pans/Finally storms into the sunroom

Lord? You don't care that I'm in here alone?
Tell her to help me...Lord

- **Complaining:** Why is Mary sitting out here with You
- **Bitterness:** You don't care about me. Tell her to get in here!

A spiritually competitive spirit leads to Complaining/Bitterness
Lots of other bad stuff. There is no place for competition here

Romans 14:4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Distracted from Jesus by the Serving of Jesus
But everything was just perfect...Just so.

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, **you are worried and troubled about many things.** 42 But **one thing is needed**, and Mary has chosen that good part, which **will not be taken away from her.**"

Sit before you Serve

Spending quiet time sitting/listening to Jesus makes us both profitable to Jesus and kind to one another as our thoughts/motives move in line w/His perfect will. [NJC]

Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God...

Psalm 27:4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that I will seek: that **I may dwell in the house of the Lord** all the days of my life, to **behold the beauty of the Lord**, and to inquire in His temple **...14** Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!

Don't miss His beauty. Sit before you serve
Don't miss the best thing...Intimacy with Jesus