



SERMON REFLECTION GUIDE

Luke, Part 34: Laborers Into the Harvest - Luke 10:1-16 - July 13, 2025

SERMON OUTLINE

Intro - Toaster ovens v. Microwave ovens and frozen corn dog ruination.

For the most important jobs, we need good instructions - which Jesus gives to the 72 who go out as laborers into the harvest.

A. Plentiful Harvest

- Jesus says that we are surrounded by those he intends to save! A good harvest is waiting!
- God is sovereign over (1) the ends of salvation or conversion, and (2) the means of salvation or the sending of gospel-sharers!
- **Acts 18:9-10** - Jesus tells Paul "I have many in this city who are my people."
- If we do not believe there is a good harvest awaiting, we will not go to work with the gospel!

B. Peril of Wolves

- Wolves stand against the shepherds (elders/pastors) and the sheep (church members) - there will be opposition to the gospel work.
- Watch out for: (1) **Moral** Wolves, (2) **Doctrinal** Wolves, and (3) **Power** Wolves

C. Promise of Provision

- Jesus sends them out with very minimal provisions, telling them that they will be cared for by the people of the harvest.
- **Luke 22:35** - looking back on this very event, the disciples admit they lacked "**Nothing**."
- To those who provide for them, the disciples are to make the invisible kingdom of God visible through healing and proclamation.
- In our context, things may be flipped — we open our homes as "*places of peace*" to invite those who need to know Jesus.

D. Peace of Salvation

- "Peace be with this house" (**v. 5**), there is no greater assurance than to have peace with God.
- Our sin creates war/friction/chaos with God, but at the cross, Jesus went to war with sin and death for us. Having died and risen, our strife is over and:
- **Having been justified, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1**
- **Illustration:** εἰρήνη (*eirēnē*) - peace, sounds like "Hey Renea!"
- People all around us live lives void of peace, and need us to bring the message of peace.

E. Punishment of Rejection

- Jesus tells us those rejecting our efforts are actually rejecting God the Father. (**v. 16**)
- The removal of dust from one's feet was an expression of judgment. (**v. 11**)
- Jesus says it will be worse for those places that have heard the gospel and reject it than even the worst places in the Old Testament — **greater opportunity = greater responsibility**

F. Priority of Prayer

- **Illustration:** imagine a farmer with a bumper crop doesn't have any harvesting equipment.
- The plenty of the harvest is inversely proportional to the number of harvester (**v. 2**)
- Churches and denominations are shrinking (**dying**) all over the US. The options are **harvest or die**, and too many are not harvesting.
- *Where will the disciple-making harvesters come from?* Jesus says, "PRAY" (**v. 2**)
- We must be willing to pray that God would send harvesters — preachers, teachers, evangelists, church planters, missionaries, etc — and we must be willing to be the answers to our own prayers.



SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe that there is a plentiful harvest in Panhandle, TX?
2. Though we may not go door to door, who are you willing to invite to your door/home?
3. Do you know the peace of God? Who in your life needs to hear about the peace that God provides?
4. Why will judgment be more severe for people like us in the Bible Belt?
5. Do you actively pray that God would send out people to do his work? Are you willing to be the answer to your own prayer?