



Luke 10-13

1. Reaching people for Christ requires: 1) the efforts/labor of more than just the church's pastors (10:1-2 w/6:12-16 w/9:1-6), 2) realizing you will meet many people whose motives for listening to you/following Christ w/ selfish/nefarious (10:3), 3) only spending time w/those people who are teachable and truly seeking God's truth (10:4-6), 4) staying committed to those who are teachable though the conditions may be less than ideal (10:7-9; e.g. the person doesn't have a sense of urgency/puts little effort into learning or moving forward).
2. We are to warn people that when we share the gospel w/them they w/ under God's most severe wrath if they reject it since God takes such rejection personally (10:10-16).
3. Like Jesus, those Jesus gives His authority to, have power over the devil and the demons (10:17-19).
4. Being good w/God is far more important than gaining power over the demonic realm (10:20).
5. Jesus knows that the truth about the Father or Himself is too good to be given to anyone who is not willing to totally submit their minds to God and His wisdom and reject the world's wisdom as absolute foolishness (10:21-24; 1Co 1:18-31).
6. Besides those in the covenant community, we are to recognize as our neighbor (i.e. those worthy of our mercy – most especially for sharing the gospel), anyone who shows us mercy (10:32-37).
7. The most important thing to be accomplished in any given day (among all the tasks we may possess or have planned) is listening to Jesus (10:38-42).
8. Prayer is to be: 1) focused on our purpose: God's glory and kingdom (not our own) being advanced through our lives (11:1-2), 2) asking God to give us what we need to accomplish our purpose – including His forgiveness and protection (11:3-5), 3) reminding God (and ourselves) of our promise to forgive others (11:4b), 4) persistent in asking for the extras (11:5-8), 5) confident that God truly cares and will provide if we are faithful and faithful to pray (11:10-13 – "give the Holy Spirit" = give His help; Jam 4:3; Psa 34:1-8; The HS is the Person of the Godhead tasked w/communicating the Father and Christ's will to the church and leading/helping God's people on the earth -e.g. Joh 14:24-26; Hence the reason the church's leaders are given the authority of the HS, God's people are given the HS as helper, we are told to walk according to the HS, listen to the HS, pray according to the HS, etc.).
9. Demon possession can be behind mutism (11:14; e.g. psychogenic mutism).
10. You are destroying the work of Jesus (and therefore are also the arch-enemy of Jesus) if you question or condemn His diagnoses or prescriptions (11:14-23).
11. Jesus' deliverance of the demons in your life (literal/figurative) will eventually leave you worse off if you don't submit to and serve Him w/your life (11:24-26 w/Mat 12:43-45; 2Pe 20:20-22; Lev 26:14-28; "waterless places" = waterless pit – see Zec 9:11).
12. Being close to somebody who knows God gets you no favors with God (11:27-28).
13. A sign that you are evil is that you seek for answers, wisdom and fulfillment (or deliverance) in everything other than Jesus (11:29-32).
14. Good in, good out, garbage in, garbage out (11:33-41).
15. Unless you want to die an absolute damned-to-hell hypocrite, send-me-to-the-pit spiritual pansy or an asking-for-an-eternal-beating apostate: 1) stop worrying about what others think of you (11:37-44, 45, 47-48, 12:1-3), 2) worry about what Jesus thinks of you (12:4-9), 3) make the center of your life: "justice and the love of God" (11:42), 4) get busy lifting the spiritual weights (11:46), 5) start hanging around the spiritual tough-guys (11:49-51), 6) stop being lazy and learn your bible (11:52), 7) never turn your back on the church (12:10).
16. Hypocrites, pansies and apostates look for ways to destroy those who truly follow God so expect: 1) to be persecuted (11:53-54), and 2) to be protected by God (12:6-7, 11-12).
17. Making lots of money will only be an asset to us if we were rich toward God (12:13-21, 15; 1Ti 6:9-10, 17-19).
18. The key to having a worry-free life is living a life focused on advancing God's kingdom (12:22-34).
19. Being found a faithful Christian on Judgment Day means accepting your Christianity as: 1) a 24-7 job (12:35-46, 35 – "Stay dressed for action, and keep your lamps burning"), 2) that which has now put you under a stricter judgment (12:47-48), 3) something that will cause stress and division among (biological) family (12:49-53), 4) the priority that requires a sense of urgency (12:54-59).
20. Hell is: 1) a place where there are degrees of punishment (or levels) based on what a person knew (12:47-48), 2) what Jesus plans to turn this world into as part of His overall mission (12:49).

21. UNLESS YOU REPENT, YOU WILL ALL LIKEWISE PERISH (no exceptions including for Evangelicals) (13:1-4).

22. Repentance means your life will stop being a waste of God's time and resources, and will instead produce the fruit of obedience God intended (most especially in those areas where you keep sinning), otherwise He will permanently (and eternally) "cut (you) down" (13:6-9).

23. Those who truly follow God not only expose those who are hypocrites, but also the stupidity of what they believe (13:10-17; e.g. penal substitution, Calvinistic determinism, demon-possessed snakes who talk).

24. A good sign that you are in the kingdom of God (i.e. a legitimate covenant community) is that your life will progressively become more and more informed by God's law until everything is defined and controlled by Him (13:18-21).

25. Many people were surprised on Judgment Day to find out they were not saved simply because they wanted to be (13:22-24; e.g. they said the prayer), or because they hung around Jesus (13:25-26; e.g. they went to "Christian" schools/churches/conferences, read "Christian" books, listened to "Christian" music or preachers, taught or read the bible, had Christian friends), since it also takes not being characterized as "workers of evil" (13:22-30 -i.e. it takes being characterized by obedience to all that Jesus says).

26. Jesus liked to be sarcastic (13:31-33 w/34; See also 7:28).

27. Jesus' divorce from and murder by the Jews didn't have to happen as the way to accomplishing His mission of establishing the New Covenant and atoning for sin (13:34-35).