

Laboring For the Lord

Luke 10:1-20

Luke 10:1: 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.

- The **3** disciples (Peter, James & John)
- The **12** disciples
- The **70** disciples

Matthew 28:19-20: Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12: Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Luke 10:2: Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great (plentiful), but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Q: Why would we labor?

A: Our Response!

Ephesians 2:8-10: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Paul teaches us about grace-fueled laboring!

1 Corinthians 15:9-10: For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Luke 7: He who's forgiven much loves much!

1 Corinthians 15: He who forgiven much labors much!

Nehemiah 4:6: The people had a mind to work

Pray

Luke 10:3: Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

John 1:29: The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Luke 10:4: Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

Where God guides, God provides!

Luke 10:5-6: But whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house." And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

Our message is a message of **peace**.

- Peace with God (Romans 5:2)
- Peace of God (John 14:27)
- Peace with each other (Proverbs 15:7, Romans 12:18)

Luke 10:7: 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.

Luke 10:8-9: Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Luke 10:10-11: But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, "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."

Mark 1:15: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

Luke 10:12: But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that day (judgement) for Sodom than for that city.

Luke 10:13-15: 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. But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. And you, **Capernaum,** who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades.

Luke 10:16: He who **hears** you **hears** Me, he who **rejects** you **rejects** Me, and he who **rejects** Me **rejects** Him who sent Me.

Luke 10:17: Then the **seventy returned** with **joy,** saying, "Lord, even the **demons** are **subject to us** in Your **name.**"

It's the man who's **laboring** for the Lord that's **joyful!**
The **idle** man is so often a **miserable man!**

Luke 10:20: Nevertheless **do not rejoice in this,** that the spirits are subject to you, but rather **rejoice** because your **names are written in heaven.**

Is your **name** written in **heaven?**
The **Lamb's** book of **Life?**

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House Church Study Guide

- **Laboring For The Lord**
- Luke 10:1-20
- Pastor Rob Verdeyen

Only Luke's gospel tells us about the 70 disciples that Jesus sent out before Him.

Points To Ponder

1. Jesus **models** for us **discipleship**. (3,12,70)
2. Jesus **commands** us to **make disciples**. (Matthew 28:19-20)
3. **Laborers** are needed if there is going to be a **harvest**. (Luke 10:2)
4. **Prayer** is at the **center** of the harvest, (Luke 10:2)
5. Our message is a message of **peace**. (Luke 10:5)

Questions To Ask

1. Who are you actively **discipling**?
2. Why would I **labor** to the point of **exhaustion** for Jesus?
3. Are you using your life for Jesus as part of the harvest? How?
4. Are you at **peace with God**? (Romans 5:2)
5. Give an example of the **peace of God** in your life? (John 14:27)
6. What does **Proverbs 15:17** and **Romans 12:18** mean to you?

7. What do you think, **son of peace** means? (Luke 10:6)
8. Should pastors and church leaders be paid? (Luke 10:7)
9. What does it mean to have **your name written in heaven**? (Luke 10:20)