



Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

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¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ²He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

1. Why do think Jesus sent the Seventy-Two out in pairs? What can we learn from this in our own mission efforts at home and overseas?
2. A number of years ago in our synod, there were actually more pastoral graduates than assignments available. Was Jesus statement, “the workers are few” wrong during that time?
3. What do you think are the biggest influences or obstacles that hinder a young person from considering ministry? What can we do to encourage our young people in this direction?
4. Why did Jesus tell them to “shake the dust off” when they weren’t welcomed?
5. Sodom was the city God destroyed because of its wickedness and perversion. Why would it be more bearable for Sodom on Judgement Day than for the people in the towns to which they were going?
6. The NIV translates Jesus’ words, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.” What fall was this referring to? When did it take place?
7. Agree or disagree: True believers are able to trample on snakes and scorpions without being harmed.
8. For what reasons did Jesus redirect the disciples, “Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” ?