

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Help Wanted"**  
**Luke 10:1-16**  
**Study-42**

**Only Luke records this "New Ministry Team of 70" that Jesus appoints for a short-term mission trip.** Jesus had sent out the 12 **Luke 9:1-6**

**Luke 10:2**

**Luke 10:1-16 Sending The Seventy; Luke 10:17-24 The Seventy's Praise Report:**

**Luke 9:51-19:27 The Rejection Of The Son Of Man:  
(Ten times Luke refers to Jesus on the road)**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "The Harvest Is Great But Few Workers, So We Pray That God Will Send More Workers."

- 1. Verses 1-12 Sent Out**
- 2. Verses 13-16 God's Warning**

**1. Verses 1-12 Sent Out**

**Luke 10:1 Now after this Context** - After what? Jesus has determined to go to Jerusalem. **Luke 9:51** Jesus starts to prepare His disciples for His departure (Cross) and to teach about dedication.

**Luke 9:57-62 Commitment: Luke 9:57 As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go."** Luke records three encounters with Jesus regarding commitment: **Luke 9:62**

**the Lord appointed** "*commission, sent, give a task*" *Not apostles but still sent.* **seventy others,** Jesus had sent out the twelve **Luke 9:1-2**

**seventy others,** some manuscripts say "*seventy-two*" (*Can't be dogmatic*) **Genesis 10** records a list of 70 Gentile nations. 70 Elders **Exodus 24:1; Numbers 11:16**

**Who Are These 70 Persons?** They are disciples that Jesus chose out of a multitude of followers. **Their work is more important than their names.**

**Jeremiah 1:7-8**

**and sent them in pairs** this has been modeled by the twelve disciples, **Mark 6:7; Ecclesiastes 4:9**

**The Mission As Forerunners: sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.**

**Where the preacher goes, Christ will follow! Where Christ goes, the kingdom is established!**

**Luke 10:2 And He was saying to them,** (These words are addressed to the Ministers) **"The harvest is plentiful,**

**but the laborers are few;** The time to harvest is now, a window of opportunity. **John 4:35-36**

**therefore,**

**What is the "therefore," there for?** Jesus is saying there are many opportunities, many souls that need to be gathered, but there are just plainly not enough workers.

**What do we do? Jesus was saying to them, "Beseech (Pray) the Lord of the harvest to send – ("thrust out") out laborers into His harvest."**  
We need to pray!

**Luke 10:3 Go;** I love this simple word to get moving.

**behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.**

Note they are called "**lambs**" not "**sheep**", which could be mature. This is an encouraging passage. That God wants to use baby Christians, new converts, as earnest converts!

**in the midst of wolves.**

This world is hostile to God's messengers (representatives) of Jesus Christ.

**Verse 4 Dependence Upon God: Luke 10:4 "Carry no money belt,**

They were not to bring extra money with them. God was going to provide for them. Later, in **Luke 22:35-36**, Jesus would instruct to bring supplies.

**no bag,** this could be referred to as a "*begging bag.*"

**no shoes;** They wore sandals but were not to pack extra shoes/sandals with them.

**and greet no one on the way.**

**They were to see this mission with urgency.** The Lord did not want them to get all wrapped up in social issues but to get out there.

**Verses 5-11 Response To The Word: Luke 10:5 'Peace be to this house.'** This is the typical Jewish greeting, but this is what the gospel offers to all.

**John 14:27; Colossians 3:15**

**Luke 10:6 Positive Response To The Word:** "If a man of peace – (*"a peace-lover, a peace-maker"*) is there, your peace will rest on him;

**Negative Response To The Word:** but if not, it will return to you.  
**We determine whether God's peace will reside in our lives and homes.**

**Luke 10:7** "Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you;  
This would mean a gentile home offering non-kosher meal.  
The Gospel message, their salvation, comes before ceremonial laws.  
Peter at Cornelius house **Acts 10:15;1 Corinthians 10:23-33**

**for the laborer is worthy of his wages.**

Teaching and preaching is hard work. **1 Timothy 5:17-18**

**Do not keep moving from house to house. Don't be an opportunist.**

**Luke 10:8-9**

**Authenticate The Message: and heal those in it who are sick,** Jesus was giving to these disciples the same power that He had given to the 12 disciples.

**and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'**

Notice that the miracle of healing was to authenticate the message.

'**The kingdom of God** was future in that Jesus at the second coming will set up His kingdom, and we shall rule and reign with Him for 1000 years.  
It is also present in that Jesus comes to rule and reign in the hearts of those that will invite Him in.

**Verses 10-11 Negative Response To The Word: Don't take it personal.**

Total rejection, they are rejecting the Lord!

**(It was against God, not them!) Luke 9:54**

**We need to make a break from activities and sin that others are involved in.**

**Luke 10:12 Sodom became the example of judgment upon the wicked!**  
**Genesis 19:24-28** (Gentile cities are better off than Jewish)

## **2. Verses 13-16 God's Warning**

**Luke 10:13** "Woe to you, – "*expression of deep regret*" **Chorazin!**  
**(Only place this city mentioned in the Bible)**

**For if the miracles had been performed in Tyre and Sidon (Gentile Cities) which occurred in you,** these cities were the most privileged.

**they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. (Sorrow and repentance)** That the opportunity given to **Chorazin** (believed to be 5-6 miles north of Capernaum) **Bethsaida** (about 4 miles East Capernaum) was great. That any other place would have turned to God.

**Luke 10:14 "But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you.** These were gentile cities. **(Ezekiel 26-28; Amos 1:9; Matthew 11:20)**

**Luke 10:15 "And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you?** They heard the greatest teaching and received the greatest miracles.

**You will be brought down to Hades!**

Pride leads to hell, as illustrated by Satan. **Isaiah 14:15; Revelation 20**

**Luke 10:16 "The one who listens to you listens to Me,**

When we share the Word of God, we are speaking God's Word, the very words of God. People want to fight with us, but they need to realize that it is His word. **When the Bible Speaks, God Speaks.**

### **Application:**

- 1.** Jesus Calls Men To Come After Him, To Be His Followers, Disciples, Learners; And As We Learn Of Him, So He Sends Us Out Ahead Of Him, To Be His Heralds, His Messengers, And His Servants.
- 2.** Jesus Sent His Servants Ahead Of Him To Every City And Place Where He Himself Was Going To Come. As Ministers Were To Go Ahead Of Jesus To Prepare The Way For His Coming. Where The Preacher Goes Christ Will Follow.
- 3.** When The Bible Speaks, God Speaks: **Luke 10:16 "The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me."**