



## "Jesus sends out the 70!"

### 1. Today's story is very unique in that this story is only recorded in Luke!

- **Luke 10:1** (Some versions will say 70 and others 72 depends on the manuscript)
- In the OT...Moses appointed 70 elders as his representatives. **Numbers 11:16 & 24-25**
- The heart behind the calling of these men was to **help share the load** and **allow God to move in an even greater way by the Good News said!** (You see this with the 70 in Luke)
- It is very important to see that the **same qualifications** that God had for the men that were picked, **are the same qualifications in the New Testament!** **Exodus 18:21-23**
- Let's look at **Acts 6:3**, **1 Timothy 3:1-7** and **Titus 1:6-9**
- As you can see, God does not slide or skip on His expectations of leaders and Christians!

### 2. Jesus had a mapped out plan!

- Jesus sent the 12 disciples into Galilee. **Matthew 10/ Luke 9** (we will reference this later)
- The 70 were sent into **every city and place** where Jesus was **about to go!**
- **Think about that!** They were the messengers **before Jesus arrived** sharing the Good News that was on the way! (This was the launch pad for Jesus arriving!)
- **Nothing has changed with us today!** We take Jesus into every place that we go and this is how the message is spread around the world! **Before Jesus comes back again**, we are his messengers telling everyone about Him! You have

### A. Jesus sent the 70 in 2 x 2! Verse 1

- Jesus sent the 12 in 2 x 2 as well! **Mark 6:7**
- **Why?** There is strength and wisdom in numbers! **Ecclesiastes 4:9**, **Acts 13:2**, **Acts 15:27**, **39 & 40**, **Acts 19:22** and **Revelation 11:3**. (Some things change with people...realize that)
- **Verse 2** – Jesus tells them about the **harvest of people** that are ready to be saved...**but not many were out sharing!**
- It was in this very moment that Jesus tells them to pray and that God would use them to go start! (Same principle today)
- Notice **verse 2** – **"Lord of the harvest"** – God knows who is ready and who is not!
- **Verse 3** – **"lambs among wolves"** – these 70 would face **much hostility** and **spiritual danger!** **Ezekiel 2:3-6**, **John 15:20**, **Matthew 7:15** and **John 10:12**
- **Verse 4** – **"neither money bag, knapsack or sandals"** – this simply meant that they were going to travel without luggage, extra sandals and money.

- **Why?** Jesus was teaching them to trust Him! God would take care of everything for them on this particular trip! **Verse 5** – **“Peace to this house”**
- **Verse 5** – **“greet no one”** – a greeting in that culture was a very elaborate ceremony! It involved formalities, a meal and long delays. A person sent on an urgent mission could be excused back in these days from all of this without being thought of as rude.
- *Everything in Jesus’ message to these 70 was that the time is short and the urgency is great!* **Why?** Jesus only had so much time here before being Crucified and Risen.
- **Verse 6-8** – if they were welcomed into a peaceful home, they were to **stay there and establish their “headquarters” at that house.** They would then go throughout the city each day sharing of Jesus coming soon! The owner of the home was honored to feed them when they returned! (*Reaching the lost during the day / Discipleship at night*)
- **Verses 9-11** – **The choice of receiving or rejecting** is so important for your Eternity!
- **Verse 12** – **The result of rejecting!** **Sodom and Gomorrah!** **Matthew 10:15**
- These cities and the surrounding region were judged without warning and with the utmost severity!
- The priority was to preach that the King had come and His Kingdom was near!
- **The message of Jesus was and is always the main thing!** Signs and miracles are given from God when God decides to advance the Kingdom how He wants! We are to believe!
- **Please note** – Jesus already paid the full price for us by His life and sacrifice! This is why we pray to the Lord according to His Will He does what He does!
- **When the Jews rejected the message** - **“shake off the dust from your feet”** – this is an expression of disdain! An expression of disgust against such a prideful and arrogant attitude. **Acts 13:51** (*This was a public showing that you are no better than the pagans with demon gods*)
- **Jesus gave the Jews a chance first!** **Romans 1:16** / Many Jews rejected Jesus, so the Gospel spread to the world!
- **Verses 13-15** – there was a prophecy all of the way back in Ezekiel about Tyre and Sidon being totally destroyed! Chorazin, Bethsaida...both were cities near Capernaum...**the point is that the entire area would be judged!**
- **Why?** Capernaum was the chosen city **where Jesus set up His headquarters!**
- It would face an even harsher judgment since they literally had the King right there!
- What’s interesting, is that there is not any record of the people there mocking Jesus or ridiculing Jesus. **But, the SIN OF INDIFFERENCE was the sin there!**
- Jesus said that their indifference towards Him was **worse** than Sodom’s gross wickedness!

#### **Closing: Don’t reject the message of Jesus Christ today!**

- **Verse 16** – people are not rejecting the Pastor or Christian...**they are rejecting Jesus himself!** **The only result is judgment!**
- But, for the person who loves, embraces and accepts Jesus and His message...Life now and Eternal Life is your reward with Jesus forever! **John 3:16-17** **(Good News!!!)**