

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

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Introduction

Jesus sent out the seventy-two with the words, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." These words are still applicable for us today. Jesus has equipped us to share the Good News, and people are more open than we think. The harvest is indeed plentiful!

Bible Passage

Reading: Luke 10:1-11

Discussion

1. As followers of Jesus, we are included in 'the workers' mentioned in verse 2. Why do we often feel that this does not apply to us? What does verse 2 say about God and the harvest?
2. Why did Jesus tell the seventy-two not bring standard travelling equipment - money, a bag, extra sandals? Is there an area in your life that you need to give some space for God to work on?
3. Luke 10:5-7 talks about 'people of peace' - those who like you, listen to you and serve you. Take two minutes of quiet time, pray and ask God to bring to light one person of peace that God has placed around you. How are you going to make room for them?
4. The world nowadays pushes us towards independence, whilst Jesus encouraged the seventy two to stay in someone's house and accept hospitality (verse 7). Why is this important in the context of discipleship? How might this interaction look today? Have you experienced this kind of hospitality?
5. Read Luke 10:9. Why did Jesus teach them to respond to hospitality in deed - heal the sick, and in word - preach the Kingdom? What is your understanding of "The Kingdom of God is near you now"?

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6. Read Luke 10:17-21. Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit. Is this something that you look forward to? How can you be like the seventy-two that made Jesus full of joy?

Respond

As disciples of Jesus, we need to be obvious about our faith, without being annoying. The harvest is plentiful, and as workers, we are to be authentically curious about people that God has strategically and conveniently placed around us. Start connecting now and become predictably present as part of their life. Spend time as a group praying for those names that God gave you when answering question three. They are your people of peace. Reach out to them this week.