

“Seventy on a Mission”

Luke 10:1-24

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I. Introduction

- A. “After these things, the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.” (v. 1)
 - 1. Remember, Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51)
 - 2. Why?
 - a) The cross
 - 3. Jesus sends seventy on a mission (v. 1)
 - a) It’s only found in Luke 10:1-24
 - b) We don’t know their names
 - c) Why 70?
 - 1) 70 nations in Genesis 10
 - d) Luke’s gospel is universal to Gentiles
 - 1) (John 3:16)

II. The Explanation of the Mission (Luke 10:1-12)

* What lessons to we learn about missions?

- A. We should pray for laborers (v. 2)
 - 1. “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few” (v. 2)
 - 2. Not everyone can go, but we can all pray
 - 3. (James 5:16)
 - 4. It’s “laborers,” not “spectators,” who pray for more laborers
 - a) Illustration- When you pray, be willing to go yourself
 - b) (Isaiah 6)
- B. The danger and hardship of missions (v. 3)
 - 1. Jesus said, “marvel not if the world hates you”
- C. Trust God’s provision for the mission (vv. 4-8)
- D. The ministry and message of the mission (v. 9)
- E. The rejection of the missionary (vv. 10-12)

III. The Denunciation for the Rejection of the Mission (Luke 10:13-16)

- A. God will judge according to their spiritual light, privilege, and opportunity
 - 1. Illustration- Billy Graham
 - 2. “Hell” (v. 15)

IV. The Jubilation After the Mission (Luke 10:17-24)

- A. The joy of service (vv. 17-19)
 - 1. Satan was defeated (vv. 17-18)
 - 2. The Lord’s servants were empowered and protected (v. 19)
- B. The joy of salvation (v. 20)

1. Illustration- “Lord did we not...” (Matthew 7)
- C. The joy of sovereignty (vv. 21-24)

V. Conclusion

- A. What brings you joy?
1. It’s that your name is written in Heaven
 - a) Your sins are forgiven
 - b) You will spend eternity in Heaven
 - c) You will see Jesus, face to face