

### **Luke 10:1–16 – Sent Ahead with a Message**

Jesus sent out seventy others in pairs, much like the twelve earlier (Luke 9). They were advance messengers, preparing the way for His coming through towns and villages as He made His final journey to Jerusalem. Their mission was simple yet urgent: “Preach the kingdom of God.”

*“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few.” (Luke 10:2)*

Jesus reminds them—and us—that the world is ripe for harvest. People are ready to receive truth, if only there are those willing to go. Notice, He doesn’t say pray for more converts, but for more workers. The harvest is not the problem—the shortage is in faithful laborers.

He also told them they were like lambs among wolves. The work would be dangerous and would demand dependence upon him, not self-sufficiency. They were to travel light and stay focused—not distracted by social niceties or detours.

**Application:** Are you praying for more workers—or could you be the answer to your own prayer? Will you live as someone “sent” with the gospel, even into hard or unwelcome places? Pray that God will make you a faithful laborer for the harvest.

### **Luke 10:17–20 – Authority and Identity**

When the seventy returned, they were excited. Even demons submitted in Jesus’ name! But Jesus redirected their joy. He reminded them that while spiritual power is real, their greatest cause for celebration should be that their names are written in heaven. In other words, they are saved from sin and its consequences and will spend eternity with Him in heaven.

*“Don’t rejoice in this... but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.” (v. 20)*

Jesus revealed something deep here. Authority over evil is amazing—but it pales compared to the wonder of being known by God, of being His child.

**Application:** What gives you your greatest joy—your ministry success or your identity as God’s child? Don’t let the thrill of victory distract you from the security of your salvation.

### **Luke 10:21–24 – The Father’s Delight**

Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit. He praised the Father for revealing truth, not to the religious elite or the self-important, but to the humble. Those who were open, teachable, and dependent—like children—were the ones who understood the kingdom.

*“Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.” (v. 21)*

He turns to His disciples and says, “*Blessed are your eyes.*” Prophets and kings longed to see what they were seeing.

**Application:** God delights in revealing Himself to the humble. Are you living in spiritual privilege but unaware of it? Treasure the Word. You’re seeing things previous generations longed to see.

### Luke 10:25–37 – The Good Samaritan

A lawyer tested Jesus with a question: “*What must I do to inherit eternal life?*” Jesus pointed him back to Scripture—love God completely and love your neighbor as yourself. When the lawyer tried to justify himself, asking “*Who is my neighbor?*”, Jesus flipped the question: It’s not about who qualifies to receive love, but whether you are the kind of person who gives love.

Jesus told a parable. A man beaten and left for dead is passed by a priest and a Levite—those you’d expect to help. But a Samaritan, hated by Jews, stops, shows compassion, binds his wounds, and pays for his care.

“*Go and do likewise.*” (v. 37)

**Application:** The real test of neighbor-love is not in who *deserves* it, but whether *you give it*. Compassion is costly. It takes time, effort, and risk. Do you love like that?

### Luke 10:38–42 – Mary and Martha

Jesus entered a village (Bethany), where Martha welcomed Him into her home. While she served, her sister Mary sat at Jesus’ feet, listening. Frustrated, Martha complained: “*Lord, don’t You care that my sister has left me to serve alone?*”

Jesus responded gently but firmly:

“*Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part.*” (v. 41–42)

Martha wasn’t wrong to serve—but in her busyness, she missed what Mary saw: being with Jesus is the greatest priority.

**Application:** Are you more like Martha or Mary right now? Have you become so occupied serving Jesus that you’ve stopped sitting at His feet? Before you can pour out, you must first be filled. Choose the one thing that truly matters.

### Final Thoughts:

Luke 10 reminds us of our calling, our authority, our priorities, and our posture.

- We are sent into a broken world.
- We rejoice not in power, but in being known by God.
- We love not selectively, but sacrificially.
- And we serve not from stress, but from a heart that has first sat still with Jesus.

Let this chapter realign your heart: less hustle, more worship. Less performance, more presence.