

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Scripture: Luke 10:1-24



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus commissions 72 disciples to announce the immanent Kingdom of God, provides, protects, empowers them on their mission, and rejoices with their return.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What task did Jesus give his 72 disciples (verses 1-2), and why did he send them in pairs? What's significant about the number of disciples that Jesus commissioned (Genesis 10)?
- Do you prioritize prayer in evangelism? Do you believe God is sovereign over the means and ends of salvation (Acts 18)?
- While living as "lambs among wolves," how do we avoid being overwhelmed by fear or the stress of being empty-handed (verses 3-4)? Do you find it difficult to depend on others for help and resources?
- Share some principles we can learn from the descriptions of this historic event.
- Why did Jesus instill within the disciples the power to heal (verse 9)? Does God continue to work miracles today? Discuss the importance of both *demonstrating* and *declaring* the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Why is the gospel of Christ offensive to the world? How did Jesus instruct the disciples to respond to rejection?
- What warning and examples does he give them? Why will some experience a harsher degree of judgment before God's throne? What is the inevitable consequence of rejecting Jesus' message (Verse 16)?
- Do you feel the weightiness of other's eternal destinies?
- How did the disciples respond when they returned from their expedition? How did Jesus redirect their joy (verse 20)? Why did Jesus rejoice (verses 21-24)?
- Based on this passage, why can we be simultaneously humble and confident that the church will succeed in her mission?