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THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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**Do you recall
the last time that
you were sent on
a mission with
a checklist of
things to do?**



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ON MISSION WITH JESUS

Messengers of Peace

Luke 10:1-7
 Luke 10:8-16
 Luke 10:17-20
 Luke 10:21-24

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MESSENGERS OF PEACE

Luke 10:1-7

¹ After this, **the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and he sent them ahead of him** in pairs to every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest. ³ Now go; I'm sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Don't carry a money-bag, traveling bag, or sandals; don't greet anyone along the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, '**Peace to this household.**' ⁶ If a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they offer, for the worker is worthy of his wages. Don't move from house to house.

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MESSENGERS OF PEACE

Luke 10:1-7

- **What is significant about the commissioning of seventy-two disciples? (10:1)**
 - ❖ Jesus expands the ministry beyond the Twelve
 - ❖ Ministry is not confined to a select few
- **What problem did the missionaries face and how did Jesus tell them to deal with it? (10:2)**
- **What do Jesus' instructions to the missionaries imply about the mission? (10:3-4)**
- **What message were they to deliver when they entered a house? (10:5-6)**

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RECEPTION VS REJECTION

Luke 10:8-16

⁸ When you enter any town, and **they welcome you**, eat the things set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there, and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near you.' ¹⁰ When you enter any town, and **they don't welcome you**, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'We are wiping off even the dust of your town that clings to our feet as a witness against you. Know this for certain: The kingdom of God has come near.' ¹² I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

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RECEPTION VS REJECTION

Luke 10:8-16

13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. **14** But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. **15** And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will go down to Hades. **16** Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

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RECEPTION VS REJECTION

Luke 10:8-16

- **What were the missionaries to do when a town received or welcomed them? (10:8-9)**
 1. Eat the food set before them
 2. Heal the sick who were there
 3. Proclaim the Kingdom's nearness
- **What were the missionaries to do when a town rejected them? (10:10-11)**
 1. Publicly announce the rejection
 2. Shake the dust from their feet as a witness
 3. Proclaim the Kingdom's nearness
- **What does the similarity of point #3 tell you? (10:9,11)**
 - ❖ The Kingdom comes regardless of their response

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PROPER SOURCE OF JOY

Luke 10:17-20

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning. ¹⁹ Look, I have given you the authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; nothing at all will harm you. ²⁰ However, don't rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but **rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**"

PROPER SOURCE OF JOY

Luke 10:17-20

- **What were the disciples excited about when they returned? (10:17)**
- **What made them so powerful? (10:17)**
 - ❖ Their recognition of Jesus as Lord
 - ❖ The exercise of His power for His purposes
- **What authority did Jesus give His disciples? (10:18-19)**
- **What did Jesus tell the missionaries they should rejoice about? (10:20)**

THE BLESSING OF MISSION

Luke 10:21-24

²¹ At that time he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, because this was your good pleasure. ²² All things have been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son desires to reveal him."

²³ Then turning to his disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see the things you see! ²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see the things you see but didn't see them; to hear the things you hear but didn't hear them."

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THE BLESSING OF MISSION

Luke 10:21-24

- **Jesus told the disciples that they should rejoice in their salvation; how did He respond? (10:21-24)**
 - ❖ Joy (10:21)
 - ❖ Praise (10:21)
 - ❖ Blessing (10:23)
- **Why did Jesus say the disciples were blessed? (10:23-24)**
 - ❖ Eyewitnesses to great and mighty events
- **Who would be envious of the disciples? Why? (10:23-24)**

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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- **Mission involves trust, responsibility, authority, rejection, and above all privilege.**
- **Jesus commissioned the seventy-two long ago, but He has more recently commissioned you.**
- **Is your mission any less urgent or any less important than theirs?**
- **Is your power and authority any less than theirs?**
- **Rejoice that your name is written in heaven!**
- **And, as you go, make disciples!**