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(Luke 10:1-16) ¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. ⁵ "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. 8 "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you." ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'12 I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. 13 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. 16 "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

COMMUNITY – CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

- As followers of Jesus, what is our role and responsibility in bringing others to faith in Him? What is God's responsibility in this?
- What is the relationships between these two roles? How do we sometimes get these two roles mixed up?

CONTENT – EXPLORING GOD'S STORY

Have a volunteer read Luke 10:1-16

- How would you describe the work assigned to the 35 pairs in Luke 10:1-4?
- What were the disciples to leave behind? How might these items get in the way of fulfilling our responsibilities as Jesus' disciples?
- Are there other items you want to mention that can interfere with fulfilling our responsibilities to Jesus?
- What kind of household guests were these disciples to be? Why did that matter?
- According to verses 8-12, what was the basic message of these disciples?
- How do these verses show the urgency Jesus Himself sensed for evangelism? What was the reason for this urgency?
- In verse 10, Jesus acknowledged that some people would not welcome them, just as the Samaritans hadn't welcomed Him in Luke 9:51-56. How do people today show they welcome our ministry and/or the gospel? Reject our ministry and/or the gospel?
- How does welcome or rejection impact what we can do in serving Jesus?
- What attitudes and actions on our part might help someone be more welcoming toward us and our service as Jesus' disciples?
- Look at verse 16. What is the comfort and the danger of aligning oneself with Jesus?

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COMMISSION – ENGAGING IN GOD'S STORY

- What is the single most difficult part of following Christ for you? What is something you can do this week to improve in that area?

- What are some challenges to sharing the gospel/living on mission in today's COVID society?
- What would change in your life if you made the decision daily to choose the cross over comfort, God's mission over maintaining the status quo, and sacrifice over selfishness? What needs to happen to make this change?
- What do you think could happen in our neighborhood if everyone in our church partnered together to follow Jesus with less distraction?

PRAYER: Thank God for sending Jesus as the ultimate Lamb who willingly suffered on our behalf so that we might be saved. Thank Him for saving us by His grace. Pray that we would willingly take the gospel to wolves, and, in so doing, learn to trust Him more. Ask God to deepen our affections for Him, our passion for His kingdom, and our willingness to share the gospel with others.

To be a church for the unchurched, here and around the world.

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