

Luke 10:1-20

1. Following Jesus involves being his messengers. What reactions immediately come into your mind or heart when you consider that reality? What fears arise? What cultural hang ups are present?

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2. (1) "After This" Quickly skim Luke 9, what events in the life of Jesus and his disciples shapes our interpretation of this event?
3. The number 70 represents the whole, the entirety. (Genesis 10 it is the number of nations descending from Noah – the whole of humanity, the number of the descendants of Abraham that entered Egypt in Genesis 46 – the whole of Israel). The call is for everyone who knows Jesus. What objections to mission does this point address?
4. (2-8) What do Jesus' practical instructions to the 70 tell us about the mission? How would they be perceived by those they encountered if they did these things? What would this look like in our time?
5. (9-11) What is their message? How would we speak this message today?

6. "The gospel is the announcement of history changing events that impact everyone" How does knowing this impact the call to be messengers of the gospel?

7. (12 – 15) How would considering the consequences of rejecting the offer of the kingdom shape how we lived into the mission?

8. (9,17) Jesus gives the 70 the power to heal and to cast out demons. What do these two acts tell us about the nature of the kingdom? About the impact on those who are under the reign of Jesus?

9. (20) Jesus tells the disciples that their joy should be located in the reality that their names are written in heaven. By the tense of the verb he is communicating that their names have been written (past tense) and nothing can remove their names. How can a joy that we have been saved by grace motivate our mission?

10. How could you as a group support one another in the mission to carry a message? What practical ways of living into the mission do you think are most helpful in our cultural context?