

June 30 – Leader’s Guide - The Power of Jesus’ Name

Reading: Luke 10:1-20

1. (Optional intro question: have you ever gone on a trip unprepared? What happened?)
2. How does Jesus encourage a cross-aligned posture for his 72 disciples on their mission?

He tells them to bring nothing with them. This forces them into a posture of humility, dependence, and trust – rather than simply being givers, they are humble receivers as well.

3. What was the message that Jesus gave to his disciples? How does this fit (or not fit) with how we sometimes understand representing Jesus’ name? Do you find it challenging?

Jesus’ message was the same for everyone, regardless of how they received it: proclaiming peace, and telling people that the kingdom of God was near. If the message of peace was received, great – if not, it returned to the disciples. If the message of the kingdom was received, it could be accompanied by healing as a sign of it.

Judgment, although mentioned in the passage, is not a part of the disciples’ message that Jesus gives them.

4. Why is this an urgent mission for the disciples? Why is our message also urgent?

This was the last chance for these villagers to hear Jesus’ message before the events of Holy Week. For us, our world is feeling the effects of brokenness and the lack of knowledge of Jesus every day and is in urgent need of the peace and healing that Jesus offers.

5. The disciples get to experience the power in the name of Jesus for themselves. Have you experienced this power? What did it look like? If not, what are some areas that you would like to see Jesus bringing change?

Allow time for sharing and reflection. Responses can feed into a time of prayer.

6. Do you find it easier to talk *about* Jesus (or to do ‘good works’, or works of power), or to talk *to* Jesus? Why do you think that is?