HARVEST WORKERS

Luke 10:1–24

Key Verse: 10:2

1. How is Jesus addressed in verse 1a, and why? Who were these seventy-two? (6:17) What does it mean that he “appointed” them? Why did he send them ahead of him? (1b; 9:52) How would their ministry be like John’s? (1:76; 3:4) What should we learn from his sending them “two by two”?
2. Read verse 2. What is “the harvest”? (Ac11:21; 26:18) Who are the “workers”? (8:5a,11; Jn4:35-38; 1Co3:6–9) In what sense is the harvest “plentiful”? (cf. Mt9:36) In contrast, why are the workers “few”? (Php2:21) In light of so few workers, what should we do? (2b) What does the phrase “the Lord of the harvest” teach us? Why is it important to pray first?
3. What was Jesus teaching in verse 3? What does the word “lambs” teach about the kind of character and ministry style harvest workers should have? Who are the “wolves”? What should the seventy-two not carry or get involved with, and why? (4)
4. What did it mean to proclaim “peace”? (5; Ac10:36; 2Co5:20) Why not worry too much about the response? (6) Why stay in one place? (7) What were they to do if welcomed, and why? (8) Read verse 9. What does “The kingdom of God has come near to you” mean? (4:18–19) How is this same message a warning to those who reject it? (10–11)
5. Which ancient cities were notoriously evil, and which ones in Jesus’ day were surprisingly worse? (12–15; see a map) In light of this, what did he teach the seventy-two, and how do his words help us? (16)
6. Upon returning, what did the seventy-two say? (17) What does it mean that Jesus “saw Satan fall”? (18) What authority had he given the seventy-two? (19) What should be their (and our) source of joy? (20) What made Jesus joyful? (21; cf. 1Co1:27–29)
7. What did Jesus say about his unique relationship with the Father, and what does this mean to us? (22) What blessing do his disciples have? (23–24)