

Sermon Outline March 15, 2015

Do you hear the Lord calling you into the harvest field? Text Luke 10:1-21

1. As we ponder our theme today about hearing the Lord's voice remember the words from *John 10:2-4* But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The watchman opens the door for this man, and the sheep listen to his voice and heed it; and he calls his own sheep by name and brings (leads) them out. When he has brought his own sheep outside, he walks on before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. What is that verse saying to you as we think of our text from Luke this morning? Hang on to those thoughts we go into our Gospel text.

2. What do we know about the harvest? What about the workers? What does this say about people that are open to the Gospel message...the good news of Jesus? Why do we need to ask the Lord to send out workers into the harvest field...in a real sense pray? Do you see the connection between prayer...the harvest...and saving people...who are the harvest? Why is praying so important...as we talked last week...the asking? What happens if we don't ask? If that is the case one of our prayer should be about asking the Lord to send out people into the harvest fields.

3. The use of the word "lambs" refers to their v_____. The most important are the four words *I am sending you*. If Jesus were not sending them, then they would be attempting to go on their own p_____, and their own p_____; being lambs among wolves would be like asking to be slaughtered. If we as Light of Christ are to be used for the harvest who plans must we use...whose power must we use?

4. Take a look at what Jesus says to the 72 when they return successful from their mission. "Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in h_____!"
5. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Why?

6. "Light of Christ we are people of God. What is our purpose in life?

7. What is the Lord telling you in today's message? What would he like you to do about it?

8. *Ephesians 1:18* I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
9. *Psalms 18:28* For You light my lamp; The LORD my God illumines my darkness.
10. *Matthew 13:37* He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

Going Deeper – Further study on the sermon text of Luke 10:1-25

1. Why do you think “The Cost of following Jesus Luke 9:57-62 is right before our sermon text of Luke 10:1-25? What does this say about going into the harvest field? Are you ready to go into the harvest field? How would you get ready?

2. Why does Jesus in verse three call believers lambs and unbelievers wolves. What does this say about the makeup of each? Is our world today any different? Notice our leaders around the world are they more like lambs or wolves?

3. What are the characteristics of a man of peace and who prepares their heart?

4. Why it is so important to heal the sick in our text? Is this still important today? What does God do through healing beyond the healing itself? What does physical healing give us an opportunity for? Has this been forgotten in the church? Why?

5. What does it mean that the kingdom of God is near? How can we bring the kingdom of God to people?

6. Read Luke 10:11-15. What are those verses telling you? Take time to cross reference those verses to other parts of the Bible to get a better understanding of the passage.

7. In Luke 10:17 what surprised the 72 the most? Why? In Luke 10:20 Jesus points them back to the Lamb’s book of life.” Why did he tell them that?

8. Luke 10:21 read the verse explain what Jesus is saying about these things being hidden. Why is that?

9. Luke 10:23-24 – Take time to let those verses soak in...what is Jesus telling us in those verses?

10. Through this extra time in God’s word what has He revealed to you that you were not aware of before? What do you think the Lord did that? What is He trying to teach you?
