

## **Discussion and Reflection Questions**

### **Into The Light: Empowerment - 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2026**

#### **Read: Luke 10:1-20**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>“Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” <sup>12</sup>I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

<sup>13</sup>‘Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup>But at the judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>15</sup>And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.

<sup>16</sup>‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ <sup>18</sup>He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’

#### **Questions**

1. Why do you think Jesus sends the seventy rather than doing the work himself? What does this teach us about empowerment and leadership?
2. Jesus sends them out in pairs (v1). What does this say about how mission and ministry are meant to be shared?

3. Jesus tells them to take very little with them (v4). How does travelling light relate to trust, generosity, and dependence on God and others?
4. The seventy return with joy, amazed at what God has done through them (v17). How does Jesus respond to their excitement, and what does that teach us about power and humility?
5. Jesus says he has given them authority (v19). What kind of authority is this, and how is it different from worldly power and authority?
6. How does this passage challenge the idea that ministry belongs only to a few “experts” or professionals?
7. What would it look like for our church to truly “give our best away” in forming and releasing others?

### **Prayer**

Lord of the harvest, who sent out the seventy to proclaim your kingdom and entrusted your work to ordinary people: equip your Church with the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that, giving our best away and trusting your provision, we may raise up and release leaders, serve with humility, and rejoice in your grace rather than our success. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.