

Discussion and Reflection Questions

Into The Light: Empowerment - 25th 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. ²He 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. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain 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. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹"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." ¹²I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

¹³'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. ¹⁴But at the judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' ¹⁸He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, 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.