

LUKE -10-T

Session 1: Blessing

Luke 10

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ²He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

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Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. ⁷Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'¹⁶"He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."



Luke-10-T Approach

- **Step 1: Bless** – praying God's blessing and peace on every place and situation we go into during our day
- **Step 2: Build Relationships** with those you meet, living an authentic Christian lifestyle
- **Step 3: Meet Needs** by responding to the immediate needs of the people you meet, practically and /or in prayer, offering to pray with people when prompted by the Holy Spirit

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- **Step 4: Tell about Jesus** Be prepared to tell people the Good News about Jesus
- **Step 5: Return and encourage the church** Just as the Luke 10 disciples, return and share regularly what God has been doing in your life and the lives of people you meet.

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1. God blesses

- ▣ God blesses nature and then mankind
 - Gen 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number;
- ▣ God blesses nations
 - Ps 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.
- ▣ God blesses individuals
 - Gen 24:1 Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the LORD had blessed him in every way.

□ God blesses classes of people

▪ People whose actions honour God

Ps 1v1-3 Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the
wicked

or stand in the way of sinners
or sit in the seat of mockers.

▪ Ps 133:1 How good and pleasant it is
when brothers live together in unity!

.....For there the LORD bestows his
blessing,
even life forevermore.

▪ Isreal - with the Blessings of the
Covenant

Deuteronomy 28:1-3ff

¹ If you fully obey the Lord your God and
carefully follow all his commands I give
you today, the Lord your God will set you
high above all the nations on earth. ² All
these blessings will come upon you and
accompany you if you obey the Lord your
God: ³ You will be blessed in the city and
blessed in the country.....

- Christians with the Blessings of the New Covenant

- Eph 1 ³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.....

2. Godly men bestowed prophetic blessings on their descendants

Gen 27:27-29, Jacob tricks Isaac into giving him Esau's blessing

²⁷So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed. ²⁸May God give you of heaven's dew and of earth's richness-- an abundance of grain and new wine.

Jacob blesses the 12 tribes

Gen 49 v24-25

²⁴because of the hand of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel, ²⁵because of your father's God, who helps you, because of the Almighty Lord who blesses you with blessings of the heavens above, blessings of the deep that lies below, blessings of the breast and womb.

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²⁶Your father's blessings are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains, than the bounty of the age-old hills.
.....²⁸All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them, giving each the blessing appropriate to him.

- **3. Godly people by words and actions can bestow blessings on others**
- Luke 6 ²⁷"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.
- 1 Peter 3 . ⁹Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

- When God blesses people it has a real spiritual and material effect upon their lives !
- The power of blessing lies in the power of God.

The Prayer of Peace

God calls us to pray for the peace of where we live

- Jer 29v7 . ⁷Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

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- 1 Tim 2: ¹ I urge, then, **first of all**, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth
- Connection between, prayer, peace ,and gospel effectiveness

Pray a Blessing on the Go -level1

The BLESS acronym: Ask the Lord to bless the person's

- ▣ Body
- ▣ Labour
- ▣ Emotions
- ▣ Social relationships
- ▣ Spiritual relationship

Bless in words - level 2

Prov 25 v11 A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

Bless in Actions – level 3

Be a blessing by doing **small acts of kindness** for people every day.

Recap

- ▣ Pray a Blessing
- ▣ Speak a Blessing
- ▣ Be a Blessing