

LUKE -10-T RETURN 5

Returning and Encouraging
the Church

Luke 10 1After this the Lord appointed seventy-twoA 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. 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."

Recap

Luke-10-T approach to mission

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 when prompted by the Holy Spirit

Step 4: Tell about Jesus Be prepared to tell people the Good News about Jesus

Step 5: Return and encourage the church Return and share regularly what God has been doing in your life and the lives of people you meet.

Homework :

- ▣ Practice an evangelism outline

What was Jesus reaction to the returning disciples?

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

18He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

19I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

21At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

22" All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

23 Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Jesus' reaction to the returning disciples

- ▣ 18"*I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*" -
The submission of the demons to the disciples is an important part of the victory over Satan's kingdom.
- ▣ *I have given you authority* - delegated authority
- ▣ Who we are in Christ is more important than what we do for Him
- ▣ God will rejoice when we are obedient in the Luke 10 T steps.

1. We must return and encourage one another

Regular feedback and encouragement:

- ▣ Assists us to remember.
- ▣ Assists us not to become lazy and give up
- ▣ Assists us to internalise a new missional lifestyle.
- ▣ Motivates us as we see others share
- ▣ Give us an opportunity to share what the Holy Spirit is doing through us – builds faith
- ▣ Encourages others in the spiritual battle – we are stronger together than we are apart
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Encouraging one another in L 10 T is part of the general need and duty we have as Christians to encourage one another in the faith

- ▣ 1 Thess 5 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

- ▣ Heb 10 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

2. Luke 10 T involves us in Spiritual Conflict

Demons (Evil Spirits / Unclean Spirits)

- ▣ **Origin:** Fallen Angels 2 Peter 2v4, Jude 6
- ▣ **Activities:**
 - Temptation and deception 1 Tim 4:1
 - Inflict disease : dumbness Mk 9:17 , deafness Mk 9:25, blindness Mt 12:22, convulsions Mk 1:26, paralysis Acts 8:7 mental illness- like symptoms / compulsive behaviour Mk 5:5
 - Oppose the spiritual life of the saints Eph 6:12
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- ▣ Spiritual beings –usually invisible but able to affect the physical world Matt 8:29
- ▣ Demon possession - not biblical – rather *to have a demon* or be *demonized*.
- ▣ Degrees of affliction e.g. Matt 12:45
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How does demonization come about?

Footholds Eph 4:27

- ▣ Anger , unforgiveness
- ▣ Rebellion / deliberate sin
- ▣ Occult (in the person's life or family)
- ▣ Cursing/ witchcraft
- ▣ Deep trauma / hurt

Recognising Demonization

We should not seek out demons . Rather as we are obedient we may come across them.

- ▣ Changes in personality / physical changes /spiritual changes (fear)
- ▣ Discernment / word of knowledge / sensations
- ▣ Direct approach for help - e.g. haunting /poltergeist, background info.

Dealing with Demons

- ▣ As with Jesus - act with calm authority - recognize our authority in Christ *19 I have given you authorityTo overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.*
- ▣ Victory in Christ won on the Cross
- ▣ Tell demons to go in the Name of Jesus
- ▣ Don't act alone - seek help

3. It's not all about our power or technique

We go in Jesus' name through his mighty power working in us Gal 2:20

4. Jesus will rejoice in heaven when we are obedient in His mission