

Luke 10:1-24 Bible Study

1. What has been the most important thing you have been invited to? What made it so important?

Get people talking about what makes an invitation important to them

2. How did Jesus view the world in which he was sending his followers to? How do they prepare to go?

A world where lots of people urgently need to hear the message of salvation, but one that is, at times, hostile to the message and messenger. They should pray and rely on the Lord of the Harvest, God who is sovereign over all.

3. Why did Jesus tell the disciples not to move around once they were welcomed into a house?

A place that welcomes them and the message, is a good base from which they can go out with the message to other places. But they shouldn't try to advance their position, ie look for a better house with better food etc. just appreciate the hospitality and the provision of these people and God.

4. What does it mean that the Kingdom of God is near? (see Mark 1:14-20, 28:18; Luke 1:30-33)

Jesus is the one who has come to save God's people and to exercise God's rule on earth. Jesus is doing all that's needed to build his kingdom, the kingdom will be in the new creation with his people under his rule forever. Now is the time to get on board.

5. Why did Jesus lament over the cities in verse 13 and 15? Why would judgement on these cities be more unbearable? (see Luke 20:9-18 Heb 1:3 and 2:4)

Jesus is the clear and final revelation of God that all other's pointed to. If you miss this clear one, you miss the clear revelation of God, and your judgement on your rejection will be clear to you into eternity.

6. What is it that the disciples saw that makes the disciples so blessed?

There is nothing amazing or important about the disciples, yet they have been chosen to walk with and learn from, and share in the revelation of God in Jesus. God's people throughout history longed for this day, to see the Lord, and they have, and are also his messengers.

7. What has this passage taught you about God's mission? What part do you play in it?

It is awesome that God's kingdom message has been passed down to us. If you are a Christian, you are the fruit of people faithfully passing the message on to you. We are also privileged to continue taking this message out to the world.

8. What has this passage taught you about Christian rejoicing?

Our basis for rejoicing is in the sure hope of salvation that nothing can take away (Rom 8:37-39). While it's great to rejoice when we see God at work in ministry and mission, and when people respond to the gospel, our core joy is in the unshakable salvation that is ours.

Spend some time praying together about what you have learnt about God.