

Sermon: Following Christ into the World.
Series: Luke: The Good News for Everyone.

Scripture: Luke 10:1-20
Date: October 27, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) God has a pattern of calling people unto himself in order to send them out into the world. Can you think of any examples of this from the stories in the Old Testament? What does this pattern teach us about God?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Every believer is sent out on mission. Do you see yourself as a missionary where you live and work? Why or why not?

b) Every believer is sent out with a message, the gospel of the Kingdom of God. Can you proclaim the gospel? What prevents you from sharing the gospel of Jesus with others?

c) Every believer is sent out with the proper motivation. Read verse 20 again. Jesus makes it clear that our motivation is not our performance but our place in Heaven. Which of these would you say is your primary motivation in your Christian life? Why will a performance motivation always backfire?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Do you think that preaching Jesus as the only way to Heaven is unloving or unfair in any way? Can you explain your answer?

b) Review Jesus' words in verse 18-20. How do these verses point to Jesus' divinity, power, and grace?

APPLICATION

a) Focus together on verses 2-3. What practical ministry lessons can we learn from these two verses?

b) Pastor Mark gave us three practical things we can do as we live on mission: 1) Invite someone to church, 2) Pray for faithful and fruitful church members, 3) Seek to live a life of joy in Jesus. How can you commit to these in the upcoming days and weeks?

PRAYER

- Thank God for calling you in and for sending you out.
- Confess ways that have failed to live life on mission with Jesus.
- Thank Jesus for your place in Heaven (not your performance).
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the grace to trust God as you live on mission for him.