

Beseech The
Lord...



JESUS SAID
COME
FOLLOW ME

Lk 10:1-11



Luke 10:

1 Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. 2 And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. 3 "Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4 "Carry no money belt, no bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way. 5 "Whatever house you enter, first say,



Luke 10:

‘Peace *be* to this house.’ 6 "If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. 7 "Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house. 8 "Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you; 9 and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’



Luke 10:

10 "But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 'Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off in protest against you; yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'

The Harvest...

- 70 plus disciples...
- To the places He was going to... ?
- The Harvest is FULL!
- Few workers?
- **#1 act – pray** - Lord of the harvest!

Sent weak?

- Lambs vs. Wolves?
 - Yes, it is risky to follow Jesus – tactics/ethics
- Keep “things” light and focus...
 - Distractions of the “immediate”...
 - Money belt, bag, extra shoes – as you are!

The Missing Priority...

- Enter the house:
- 1. peace to this house – shalom!
 - This has a 'bounce back' promise
- 2. stay in that house – eat, drink, share
- 3. Heal those sick - *therapeuō*
- 4. **THEN** say “kingdom of God has come”

Why do we get it backwards?

- People need us in their lives...
- The HS lives and breathes in us!
- The Kingdom of God has come near...
- ...to you! In us!
- This is why Jesus came to us this way...

The Choice Given

- What if they refuse? Do not receive you
- Jesus had rebuked “fire” response
- Shake off the dust, wipe your feet
- Carry nothing of it away with you
- The Kingdom still comes near! (11)

The Kingdom Here...

- God has made us “sent ones”
- Not about power, authority...
- ...about our willingness to live in Him
- People need to SEE what that is like
- Sent in 2's but He goes with us...