

Church Without Walls: Reaching the World Through Service – Week Three

The Basics of Being “On Mission”

The Sending of the Seventy – Luke 10:1-24

Introduction – As Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, he sends 72 people ahead of him to prepare the way. This trip gives the disciples a preview of his Great Commission and gives them experience in the fundamental principles of personal ministry. We will move through this text by asking and answering four questions.

1. 1ST QUESTION – What is the essence of our mission? Luke 10:1a, 2a, 9

- A. We are *on mission* to represent the risen Christ. 10:1a
- B. We enter our mission with acts of service. 10:9a
- C. We speak about God’s kingdom. 10:9b
- D. We expect a harvest – God’s mission is spiritual transformation. 10:2a

2. 2ND QUESTION – How do we fulfill our mission? Luke 10:1-2a; 10:4b-8

- A. We join forces with others. 10:1
- B. We seek God’s supernatural power. 10:2
- C. We engage people in a culturally wise and appropriate way. 10:4-8

3. 3RD QUESTION – How hard is this mission going to be? Luke 10:2b-4; 10-15

- A. At times it will be lonely, because there aren’t many workers. 10:2b
- B. At times it will be dangerous. 10:3
- C. At times we will experience rejection because the message is hard. 10:10-15

4. 4TH QUESTION – If the mission is so hard, is it really worth it? Luke 10:17-24

- A. There is the joy of spiritual power. 10:17-19, 16
- B. There is the joy of eternal security. 10:20
- C. There is the joy of Christ. 10:21-22 (See also, Luke 15:9)
- D. There is the joy of sensing our privilege. 10:23-24