

Luke
See Jesus
Who Does Jesus Use?
Luke 10:1-22

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I. Jesus Calls Ordinary Christians to Be a Part of His Extraordinary Mission

Luke 10:1 “After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of Him, two by two into every town...”

Luke 9:1-2 “...He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases,² and He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God...”

From the very beginning, Jesus never intended to reach this world through His twelve apostles alone! He’s raising up others from all over this world to live on mission for His kingdom and what matters most.

Acts 17:6 “...These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also...”

Jesus never calls you into His family without sending you out into this dark world. He calls you in so that He can send you out on mission.

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Not only are you saved and sent out to be on mission, but you’re sent out on a very specific, tailor-made mission that no one else can do. When God saved you, He had specific good works for you to do!

II. Jesus Confirms the Power We Have but Redirects the Source of Our Greatest Joy

Luke 10:19 “Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.”

Luke 10:17-20 “The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!’¹⁸ And He said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’”

You can do the right things, but when you do it with the wrong heart, it starts to unravel. In the kingdom of God, it’s not just what you do, but why you do it and what you think of others around you as you do it.

No matter how much God chooses to do *through* you, you should never get over what He's chosen to do *for* you!

When you wake up still amazed at the grace of God that saved you, it makes you courageous and keeps you humble and gentle in the way you speak to others.

1 Peter 3:14-17 “But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.”

III. Jesus Celebrates the Grace of His Father and the Salvation of His Dear Children

Luke 10:21 “In that same hour He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will.’”

The very thought of how this plan of salvation was being offered in such a radical way, launched Jesus into a prayer and praise moment of ecstatic joy!

God, the Father, by His Spirit, is pleased to reveal this glorious Good News of salvation to humble, childlike people who come to Him with nothing except their great need for Him.

Christianity is not devoid of credible substance and thinking, but you will never reason yourself intellectually into the kingdom of God.

The very things our world exalts could keep you from coming to faith in Christ.

See 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message of the cross and the gospel will sound like foolishness to so many, so don't take it personally when people reject you and the message He's called us to share!

Luke 10:16 “The one who hears you hears Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me, and the one who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.”