

THE HARVEST: You Had One Job...

LUKE 10:1-16

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Evangelism is a Task too Serious to Snub

Four Steps to Serious Evangelism:

1. Foster the **Passion** of an Evangelist (1-4).
2. Foresee the **Protection** of an Evangelist (3-8).
3. Follow the **Proclamation** of an Evangelist (9-15).
4. Fathom the **Privilege** of an Evangelist (16).

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After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you.

⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. ¹³"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

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."

(ESV).

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here: www.centralchurch.com/groups

1. **Read Acts 1:8 and 2 Cor. 5:18-20.** As we read verses 1-4, we see the passion every Christian needs to have for people, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." How would you help someone who says, "I'm just not gifted in evangelism? I'm a behind-the-scenes servant?" Are they allowed to change their job description to avoid being witnesses of Jesus?
2. In verses 3-8, we see the acknowledgment that there will be risks when you preach the gospel. When it comes to evangelism, "risk is right!" What are some things you might risk when you go public this week? How can a frightened Christian consciously decide to risk for the sake of the lost?
3. How does God protect his people as they are sent out "among wolves?"
4. In verse 16, what's the incredible privilege this passage reveals to those sent? How does this honor motivate us to share more regularly and faithfully?

Quote for the Week. . .

by J.I. Packer

"How then should evangelism be defined? The New Testament answer is very simple. According to the New Testament, evangelism is just preaching the gospel, the evangel. It is a work of communication in which Christians make themselves mouth-pieces for God's message of mercy to sinners. Evangelizing, therefore is not simply a matter of teaching, and instructing, and imparting information to the mind. There is more to it than that. Evangelism includes the endeavor to elicit a response to the truth taught. It is communication with a view to conversion. It is a matter, not merely of informing, but also of inviting."

J.I. Packer, *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*, InterVarsity Press p. 41, 50.

