

When Jesus Sends!

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Scripture: Luke 10:1-4; *New International Version (NIV)*

Background: Luke 9

Part 1: "The Challenge: Mature For The Work"

Context: As we enter this new season, I would like to spend the next three Sunday's teaching and preaching from Luke 10. As an introduction, I invite you to read chapter 9 along with the Old Testament Scriptures mentioned in the context, for it helps us better understand the content and setting of chapter 10.

In chapter 9, Jesus sent the Twelve into Galilean towns to proclaim the Good News of the kingdom of God (see 9:1-6). Now, a larger group of disciples is dispatched in order that they may announce His arrival (see 10:1), that "the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" (see 10:2a).

In the Old Testament, harvesting signifies God's **eschatological judgment**, God's judgment at the end of time, (see Micah 4:11-12; Joel 3:12-13) as well as the gathering of His people (see Isaiah 27:12). Given the heightened sense of urgency, the harvest image is apt, as a lot of work is accomplished within a small window of time. Therefore Jesus urges His disciples to ask, "the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (see 10:2b). It is God's seed, God's sower, and God's harvest (see Luke 8:5-8).

Jesus gives the group the same instructions He gave to the Twelve, including the power to heal and to exorcise demons, anticipating that they, too, will experience both reception and rejection. Jesus sends His messengers in pairs, for two witnesses are required for credible testimony (see Numbers 35:30; Deuteronomy 19:15).

Moreover, having a travel companion will provide mutual support in the face of opposition (see 10:3). The practical instructions given to these disciples resemble the ones given to the Twelve: **travel light** with no purse, bag, or sandals. More importantly, trust God for every need (see 10:4a)¹.

Beloved, God has given us the same imperative to trust Him for our every need. **Remember this:** wherever God sends you, He provides everything for you. Trust the process; trust God! **All glory belongs to Him.**

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Anticipation and Acceptance

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of Him to every town and place where He was about to go.

Measuring a Relationship Through Prayer

² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.

What They Must Expect

³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

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¹ Diane G Chen. *Luke: A New Covenant Commentary*. (Wipf & Stock Publishers: Oregon), 2017.