

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 13, 2008

Passage: Luke 10:1-24

Memory Passage: Luke 10:20

TODAY: *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:1-4.** How did Jesus send his disciples out? What would be some reasons for this approach (Acts 13:2-4)? What might be the basis for the 70 (72 in some versions; Numbers 11:16; Genesis 10)?
- (b) What term is often used to refer to reaching others (Matthew 9:37-38; John 4:35-38; 1 Corinthians 3:6-9)? What is the greatest need? How are we to respond to this need? Who is in charge of this?
- (c) What does he call these who are sent out? Is there any danger for them (Luke 10:3; Matthew 10:22; John 15:20; 16:2)?
- (d) How is sense of urgency and importance conveyed about their task in Luke 10:4 (also Luke 9:57-60)? What is God's promise to them in Luke 22:35? Does this mean we should not be friendly to people? Explain.
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 10:1-4 and John 4:35-38. Talk about the importance of sharing the gospel. What are the dangers? What are the rewards? What are some reasons that we delay or avoid this? Pray that you might have opportunities this week to share the good news with someone.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:5-9.** What kind of responses were these disciples to look for? What might this mean (Ephesians 2:17; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)?
- (b) Read 2 Corinthians 2:15-16. How does this help to explain the responses of people to the gospel?
- (c) For this mission, how are these disciples to conduct themselves? Why was it important that they not go to *many different* houses? What is the responsibility of those who receive the gospel (Galatians 6:6)?
- (d) Why does Jesus tell them to eat what is set before them (1 Corinthians 10:27)? What kind of cities were the 70 sent to? What was the focus of their message?
- (e) Why do we need to be careful not to offend others when we are sharing the gospel (Luke 17:1-2; Matthew 18:17; Romans 14:20; 1 Corinthians 10:32; 2 Corinthians 6:3; 1 Corinthians 9:18-23)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 10:5-9 and 2 Corinthians 2:15-16. Why do people respond differently to the gospel? What is one indication that God is working on a person's heart? Pray that you might be sensitive to those who are open to the gospel.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:10-16.** Will everyone respond properly to the gospel (John 15:18-27)? What should we continue to do?
- (b) What symbolic action were these men told to make? Is this required all the time or was it a special sign to the Jews about their rejection of the Messiah (Acts 18:6)?
- (c) What cities does Jesus say will receive a more tolerable judgment? Why? What is said about the miracles done in Chorazin (do a search)? What does this tell us about the ministry of Jesus (John 20:30-31)?
- (d) What did Jesus say about those who reject his servants (John 13:20)? What did he also say about those who receive his messengers (Matthew 10:40-42)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 10:10-16. Will everyone receive the message of salvation? Talk about who we should respond when people reject the gospel. Pray that you will have a right heart whenever you are rejected for following Jesus.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:17-20.** What were these disciples excited about when they returned? What other things had they been doing (Luke 10:9; 9:1)? Why do you think they were most excited about this?
- (b) How did Jesus describe the impact of their ministry? What did Jesus say about this ministry in Luke 11:20?
- (c) What do these verses tell us about how Satan is defeated (Revelation 12:11; Colossians 1:12-14; Acts 26:18)?
- (d) What should we rejoice about (Luke 10:20)? Why should this always be our greatest joy (Luke 15:7, 10, 32)?

(e) *Family*: Read Luke 10:17-20 and Luke 15:1-10. What happens when a person comes to faith in Christ? How does all of heaven respond to this? Why is this the *greatest* miracle of all? Pray for someone that needs to know Jesus.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:21-24.** What did Jesus rejoice in? How deep was his joy?
- (b) Who were the wise and the prudent that God did not reveal Jesus to? Why does God do this (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)?
- (c) What kind of heart is open to the revelation of God (Mark 10:15; Matthew 18:3; Luke 18:17; John 3:3-6; Matthew 16:17; John 9:39)? How is the new birth a mysterious and miraculous event?
- (d) According to Jesus, what is the greatest blessing of all (Matthew 13:16; John 20:29)?
- (e) *Family*: Read Luke 10:21-24 and John 3:3-6. What is the new birth? What does it mean to become like a child in order to enter the kingdom of heaven? Pray that all of you might see what a great blessing knowing Jesus is!

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Luke 10:1-24. What is the calling of disciples to follow Jesus? Does it include the need to share the gospel? What is the most important thing we can do in the kingdom of God? Will there be difficulties in living for the Lord and sharing the gospel? What helps you to keep sharing even when things get difficult? Share how you came to know Jesus. Pray for tomorrow's teaching that the joy of knowing Christ might be clear.

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“rejoice because your names are written down in heaven.”