

Luke Chapter 10

- Jesus has left the Galilee area for the last time; He's headed towards Jerusalem and the cross.
 - Jesus is travelling with a large number of people; He's travelling through Samaria – some of whom wouldn't receive Him because He was headed towards Jerusalem.
 - Chapter's 10-18 present a lot of information that is only contained in Luke's gospel. He'll get down to Jerusalem, then leave and come back – spending considerable time in Perea which is on the other side of the Jordan River.
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V: 1 Jesus commissions another 70 men to go out and minister to the people in very much the same way as He sent out the Apostles previously.

- 70 is a significant number in Jewish history. Moses called 70 elders to help him minister to the people. This later developed into the "Sanhedrin" or ruling council over Israel.
- Septuagint version of the Bible: Basically a Greek translation of the Hebrew scriptures completed by 70 Jewish scholars, Septuagint is 70 in Greek.
- Jesus sent them out in pairs, 2 to establish a witness.
- He sent them out into every city and place that He Himself would go to.
- Jesus will spend the next 6 months ministering in Perea, or across the Jordan to the Gentiles, this is different that when the 12 were sent out.

Matthew 10:5-6 ⁵“These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. ⁶But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

- Jesus sent them out ahead of Himself, they were going to prepare the way for Him, playing the same role as John the Baptist, with the same basic message – the kingdom of Heaven is at hand, but now to the Gentiles.
- Herod arrested John the Baptist, seemingly cutting his ministry short. So Jesus commissions His 12 Apostles to go out and do the same thing, then he commissions an additional 70 to go out – Satan through his servant Herod will not be successful – the Gospel will be preached in all the nations!

V: 2 Jesus explains why they are being sent; there is a great harvest ready to be reaped so there is need of laborers, those to do the work of the ministry.

1 Corinthians 1:21 “For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”

- As they are called to pray, they become part of the answer to that prayer.

V: 3 As you go your way you'll be like sheep among wolves:

Matthew 10:16 “Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.”

- Sheep are absolutely defenseless in and among themselves; they are dependant upon the Shepherd.

Psalms 89:18 “For the LORD is our defense; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.”

- Wise as serpents and harmless of doves: tough minded but tenderhearted.

James 1:5 “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”

Romans 16:19b “... yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.”

- They were sent forth as lambs among wolves, not as lambs to the wolves.
- Jesus knew then, just as today that there were many religious wolves out there preying upon the people, ravenous wolves that were leading the people to their death, peddling religion that was empty and powerless – Jesus' disciples were to be sheep in comparison.

Peter learned this lesson and passed it on:

1 Peter 5:2 “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind.”

V: 4 Very much like the Apostles as they are sent out, they go out dependant upon the love and charity of those they are ministering too – they are dependant on the Lord.

- No extra money, clothes, or provisions – just the clothes on their back and the Gospel of Jesus in their hearts.
- No worldly means to accomplish this heavenly commission:

Zechariah 4:6 “Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, this is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”

“... *and salute no man by the way.*”

- The greetings and salutations of the day, particularly in the eastern culture could be a long and drawn out process – Jesus is saying you don’t have time for that.

John 9:4 “I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”

V: 5-7 The disciples were to depend on the hospitality of those they ministered to from town to town.

- In those days, for a town to refuse a guest was a breach of etiquette.
- The disciples weren’t to go from house to house.
- The typical Jewish greeting “shalom” – peace, prosperity, and health be with you...
- If the Spirit of God is moving in that place, then you’ll know it; and if not you’ll discern it, you’ll feel it and it will turn in a way, and let your peace return to you and move on.
- If the Spirit of God is moving then stay in that house, receive whatever they give you – the workman is worthy of his hire, stay there and establish the work.

V: 8-9 The city or town that receives you, stay there and minister to them, bless them.

- Their commission: Heal the sick and preach that the Kingdom of God is come unto them.

2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”

- The message: The Kingdom of God is at hand; because where Jesus is, that is the kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven.

V: 10-11 “But” – on the contrary – whichever city or town rejects you: tell them, speak in their streets that you shake the dust of their town off.

- Whether you believe it or not, or receive it or not – the Kingdom of God is at hand!

2 Corinthians 2:15-16 “¹⁵For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: ¹⁶To the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life....”

V: 12-15 Pronouncement of woes to the un-repentant cities. To these cities which had heard the truth, they had seen the Light of the World, yet they did not turn from their wicked ways, they did not repent.

- We are all held accountable for what we know, what we've been told.

Luke 12:48 “Unto whom much is given, much will be required.”

- The Bible doesn't list any miracles that were done in Chorazin, not all the miracles that Jesus did were recorded, but obviously according to Jesus there had been a great witness there, miracles were done there and they would be accountable for what they had seen and rejected.

John 20:30 “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book.”

- “Woe” – not harsh, but a pitiful or mournful expression.
- Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum, all desolate ruins.
- Capernaum, Jesus' home and H.Q., rejected Him.
- Isaiah speaks of how that area had received a great light, but they preferred their darkness to the light.

Isaiah 9:2 “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.”

John 1:9-11 “⁹That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew Him not. ¹¹He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.”

- These verses describe degrees of punishment. They didn't see what you saw, the light shined in your midst.

2 Peter 2:21 “For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.”

Psalms 2:1-2 “Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.”

V: 16 When we are presenting the Gospel, the kingdom of God – those that hear us, are really hearing the Lord; those that reject, aren't rejecting us, they are rejecting Jesus, and the Father who sent Him.

John 13:20 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that receiveth whosoever I send receiveth Me; and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me.”

John 5:23 “That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent Him.”

1 Thessalonians 4:8 “He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us His holy Spirit.”

V: 17 As the 70 returned to Jesus, they came back praising God that even the demons had been subject to them.

- In V: 9 when they'd been told to heal, there was both physical and spiritual healing; their commission was probably just like the Apostles when they'd been sent out – in other words it wasn't a complete description. They probably had the power to cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and everything the Apostles had done, and Jesus was doing.

Key phrase: “... *through thy name.*”

Acts 19:13-16 ¹³Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, we adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. ¹⁴And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. ¹⁵And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? ¹⁶And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”

- It isn't just the “Jesus who Paul preaches” that has any power in our life; it is the Jesus that we experience personally. We experience the power of Jesus in our life as we engage in a personal relationship with Him. It's not enough to know about Jesus, we have to know Him in a personal and experiential way – that is where the power is to heal, to drive out demons, or just to live the life that God has called us to live.

V: 18 Jesus says that He personally saw Satan fall from heaven – that implies that Jesus was there in heaven to see it.

- In the book of Job we see that Satan at one point had access to Heaven and the throne of God.

Isaiah 14:12-16 “¹²How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! ¹³For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. ¹⁵Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. ¹⁶They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;”

- Jesus in referring to seeing the fall of Satan would seem to a little out of place, unless we note that Satan fell because of his pride, combined with V: 20 - that is what Jesus is warning His disciples to avoid, the sin of pride.

Romans 12:3 “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”

V: 19 “**Behold, I give....**” Present tense, they’ve already gone out and come back – they still have the power He gave them.

1. Power over all the power of the enemy.
2. Nothing shall by any means hurt you.

1 John 4:4 “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

Mark 16:18 “They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

Acts 28:3-6 “³And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. ⁴And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, no doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. ⁵And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. ⁶Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.”

- Nothing shall by any means hurt you... Satan is often referred to as a serpent; we’ve been given power in the spiritual realm.
- We’ve been given victory over Satan, over sin, and death – spiritual death.

Matthew 10:28 “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

- Many or most of the disciples and Apostles were martyred for their faith, their bodies were destroyed – but their souls weren't, they are alive today in Heaven.

V: 20 It's nice that you've been given power over the demons, but keep things in perspective – salvation is a better, more precious gift.

- Rejoice that our names are written in the Lamb's book of life!

Psalm 32:1-2 “¹Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.”

Habakkuk 3:18 “Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.”

Isaiah 61:10 “I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness...”

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- The seventy disciples that had been sent out to minister, and heal, and preach the Gospel message had returned testifying of the great things that had been accomplished in Jesus' name.
 - As they rejoiced about even the demons being subject to them in Jesus name, Jesus reminds them that as awesome as that is – they should rejoice even more because their names are written in heaven, rejoicing over their own salvation.
 - That is a good reminder for us: whether it's a good day or a bad day – Just the fact that our names are recorded in the Lamb's book of life should cause us to rejoice, to keep us steady in the storms – helping us to keep things in perspective.

V: 21 Jesus rejoiced in His Spirit because His Heavenly Father had hidden these things from the proud and self-assured, but had revealed them to “babes”.

- Jesus first off simply rejoiced simply in God's perfect will, that God's will was good and sufficient, and being accomplished.

Psalm 143:10 “Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.”

- Hid from the wise and the prudent.
- Jesus was not rejoicing because sinners were blind to God's truth, for "God is not willing that any should perish" (2 Peter 3:9).
- He rejoiced because the understanding of that truth did not depend on natural abilities or education. If that were the case, most of the people in the world would be shut out of the kingdom.

1 Corinthians 1:26-27 ²⁶For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: ²⁷But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;"

1 Corinthians 3:19 "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness;"

- God's sovereignty manifest!

1 Samuel 2:6-8 ⁶The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: He bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. ⁷The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: He bringeth low, and lifteth up. ⁸He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and He hath set the world upon them."

V: 22 All things are in His hands. Jesus is in absolute control.

Matthew 28:18 "... all power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."

A=B, and B=C, so A=C.

- **Know:** gnosko **reveal:** apokalupto

John 14: 8-9 ⁸Phillip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. ⁹Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then shew us the Father?"

Hebrews 1:1-3 ¹God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, ²hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; ³Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

Colossians 2:9

V: 23-24 Contrast: you do see, you do hear – blessed are you!

Psalm 119:17-18 “¹⁷Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. ¹⁸Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

- The Old Testament prophets didn't always understand what they were writing, they had lots of questions.

1 Peter 1:10-12 “¹⁰Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: ¹¹Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. ¹²Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.”

- 2 lines of Messianic prophesy.
- Salvation by Grace.
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection
- The church.

2 Corinthians 4:6 “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

V: 25-26 A lawyer would be a scribe, testing, tempting, entrapping... another translation renders this as “*putting Him on trial...*”

- From the Jewish perspective at that time, just being a Jew, a member of the chosen race meant that they would inherit the kingdom of heaven upon their death.
- Jesus answers his question with a question: What does scripture say about this, what is your understanding?

V: 27-28 The scribe / attorney responded to “love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind; and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (Shema) “⁴Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord: ⁵And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.”

- Jesus said a similar thing:

Matthew 22:37-40 “³⁷Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸This is the first

and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

- Summary of the 10 commandments, which are stated mostly in the negative / “don’ts” which are now stated as “do’s”.
- He already knew the answer, but knowing the answer intellectually and living it out experientially is the essence of faith.

James 1:22 “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

James 2:17-18 ¹⁷“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. ¹⁸Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.”

1 John 3:18 “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”

V: 29 Justifying ourselves: impossible before the Lord.

Galatians 3:10-11 ¹⁰“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. ¹¹But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith.”

- Trying to justify himself, he asks “Who is my neighbor?” Within the Law or within religious parameters we justify ourselves by comparison.

V: 30-37 Jesus uses an illustration to answer the scribe’s question and to make the point.

- The journey from Jerusalem to Jericho is 18-20 miles, the elevation changes about 3,600 feet, so it’s a steep path with the valleys in between and the canyons – a made all the more dangerous by the robbers and thieves – which is why people traveled in caravans for protection. (Jesus is on that road...)

V: 30 A man from Jerusalem – presumably a Jew – from the Holy City, who could have been any of them.

- Robbers, evil men fell upon him, beat and stripped him, leaving him for dead.

V: 31 The priest, see’s him then passes on by without helping him.

V: 32 A Levite, looked upon him, took more time to examine the situation, then passes on without helping him.

V: 33-35 A Samaritan: hated by the Jews, particularly by the priests and scribes, the religious establishment.

- This Samaritan does what is obviously the right thing – he ends up being more righteous than the priest and Levite.
- The Samaritan had compassion upon this poor man, a Jew from Jerusalem: His compassion led to action, he didn't just look at him, he took action. He went to him, bound up his wounds, pouring oil (Holy Spirit) and wine (Blood of Jesus) – going to expense, placed him on his donkey – he inconvenienced himself, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

Proverbs 25:21-22 “²¹If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink. ²²For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.”

- Coals – Hebrew “gahal” – broom tree. Burns from inside out.
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- He paid the inn keeper to take care of the poor man and ensured that he would be taken care of, then said he's come back to re-pay him.
 - The inn keeper had some choices in front of him:
 1. Dump the guy on the street figuring the Samaritan will never return.
 2. He could take care of him until the money runs out, then get rid of him.
 3. He could trust what the Samaritan said and take care of him until he's better, trusting in the return of the Samaritan to repay the debt.
 - Jesus is the good Samaritan, he poured out his blood / wine, He's given the Holy Spirit / oil, He elevated us to His place, and lowered Himself to our place. He delivered us to the inn keeper and paid the price, then He said he'd be back to repay all.

V: 36-37 Jesus now asks this rhetorical question which could have only one answer.

- That is who your neighbor is, whoever is in distress or in need. Now go out and do likewise.

V: 38-42 Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus who all lived in Bethany.

V: 38 Martha received Jesus into “her” house – this house was her domain. In John's Gospel Bethany is described as “Mary's town”.

- Two personalities; one focused on the daily household needs, another focused on the activities and people outside the house.

V: 39 We see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus – which is where we always see Mary, always at the feet of Jesus. When He was teaching, when He was raising her brother from the dead, and when she anointed His feet for His burial.

- In each instance there was a fragrance; food, death, perfume.

V: 40 “Martha was cumbered” and complained that she was doing all the work and that Mary should help.

“Cumbered” (G-4049). perispao, per-ee-spah'-o; to drag all around, to distract, cumber.

Matthew 11:28-30 ²⁸“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and he shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

V: 41-42 “Martha, Martha” (Mistress, Lady of the house) – words of comfort.

“You are careful or anxious for many things:”

Philippians 4:6-7 ⁶“Be careful / anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

- The issue isn't that Mary should do what Martha is doing, but that Martha should come and sit at Jesus' feet as well.
- We referred to **James 1:22** about being doers of the word and not hearers only which is about putting faith into practice.
- We have to be careful not to be so busy doing that we forget who we're doing it for, or why. We do still need to be refreshed in his word, we still need to sit at his feet!

1 Peter 5:2 “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind.”

- When we're distracted, cumbered, anxious – the cure is to sit at Jesus' feet.