



10.2

BIBLE STUDY



READ

Read Scripture together and invite everyone into an open discussion of the Word.



ANALYZE

Analyze the meaning behind each verse and what it means to us today.



DO

Do something in response to what you have read together.



SMALL GROUP CHALLENGE

Challenge everyone in your group to download the “Unreached of the Day” app on their mobile device.

This app will allow you to set a daily reminder at 10:02 AM/PM that will help you remember to pray for one people group each day.

ICE BREAKERS

Choose one of the following Ice breakers and have each person in your group answer, to help them enter the conversation.

- Have you ever had to raise funds for an athletic team or charity by selling something door-to-door? How was that experience?
- Has someone ever shared some important news with you that you couldn't wait to tell others? (ex: people getting engaged or having children. Health of loved ones. Important milestones of success like graduations)

PRO TIP

Involve as many people as you can in leading the discussion. Ask others to read Scripture out loud. Encourage different members of the Bible study to take the responsibility of greeting, praying, sharing announcements, etc. Invite others to do one specific thing, so they feel more ownership of the group. Belonging is one of the first steps in discipleship.

CONTEXT

THE BOOK OF LUKE

Share information about the portion of Scripture you are about to read. Set it within the meta-narrative of the Bible.

- The Book of Luke was written by the only known non-Jewish author of a book of the Bible, to non-Jews (Gentiles).
- Luke is thorough, researched, and detailed in his recording of Jesus' life.
- Luke is one of the gospels, one of four books that open up the New Testament with the Good News of Jesus' life, work, death and resurrection
- So far in the book of Luke, Jesus had begun his public ministry. He had preached the gospel, healed the sick, cast out demons, and declared the kingdom of God with powerful demonstrations.
- In chapter nine of Luke's Gospel, Jesus sent out the twelve disciples equipped with His authority to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.
- Reminiscent of the sending of the twelve we are about to read, Jesus gives similar instructions to seventy-two more individuals. This is where we are in the Bible.
- While many other Gospel stories are repeated, Luke is the only one that records the sending of the seventy-two.



READ: PART 1



LUKE 10:1-2

*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. And 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.**”*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who were the seventy-two?
2. Why did Jesus send them two by two?
3. What did Jesus send them into the same places He was about to go?
4. What could be the reason for a scarcity of laborers in a plentiful harvests?
5. How do you pray for more laborers?

THOUGHTS TO HELP YOU LEAD DISCUSSION

- Not much is known about the seventy-two. We only know they were obedient followers of Jesus whom He trusted.
- Companionship is a marker of longevity in the ministry. Sending them two by two provided built-in companionship, accountability, and encouragement on discouraging days
- Earnest prayer that is passionate, diligent, continuous, and prevailing is needed for more laborers to be sent. Are our prayers earnest?

PRO TIP

Facilitate discussion that leads to discovery of the truth. It is easy to share opinion, but learning by way of answering questions is more effective.

READ: PART 2

LUKE 10:3-12

Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, '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.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Jesus compared the seventy-two to lambs being sent among wolves. What made Him equate them to lambs among wolves?
2. Jesus did not want them to carry anything to sustain them. Why?
3. Why do you think Jesus instructed them not to greet anyone on the way?
4. How were they to receive their host's hospitality?
5. The concept of peace is repeated in this passage. First, Jesus instructs the seventy-two to be peace bringers, then he asks them to look for a person of peace. Who or what is a person of peace?

THOUGHTS TO HELP YOU LEAD DISCUSSION

- Lambs are docile; wolves are attackers. Lambs trust the shepherd; wolves fend for themselves. Help them think through the natural differences between lambs and wolves to help understand Jesus' motivation behind calling the seventy-two lambs among wolves.
- Jesus wanted them to rely on the hospitality of their host. It requires humility to be at the mercy of others. As they perform great miracles under Jesus' authority, being reliant on their hosts is a contrast that will perhaps keep them humble. It will also allow for them to experience God's faithfulness as they go from town to town preaching the good news.
- Persons of peace have provided missionaries with open doors since the beginning. Persons of peace are characterized by their kindness to God's sent ones even if they weren't believers themselves. Persons of peace give access to a culture. As we pray for laborers, we must remember to pray for them to be met by persons of peace wherever they are sent.

READ: PART 3

We will read a parallel Scripture from Matthew to help learn more about Jesus' motivation for earnest prayer for laborers.

MATTHEW 9:35-38

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "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."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What accompanied Jesus proclamation of the Gospel? Do you see many places where the Gospel is accompanied by this?
2. What was the reason Jesus felt compassion for the crowd?
3. Have you ever been motivated by compassion into action?
4. God's compassion is tied to His exhortation for prayer; why is that?
5. Are there any differences between Luke 10:2 and Matthew 9:37?

THOUGHTS TO HELP YOU LEAD DISCUSSION

- Demonstration always accompanied Jesus declaration of the Kingdom of God. Powerful demonstrations of Kingdom power through healing miracles, and deliverance miracles were a norm in Jesus' ministry and an expectation He has for the ministry of His followers.
- Lot of saying and not enough doing, is akin to declaring but not demonstrating the Kingdom of God. Our skeptic society cannot deny the power of the gospel, when the gospel comes in power over sicknesses and evil.
- When Jesus was moved by compassion He often did something. One of the biggest things Jesus did was pray in response to compassion. Prayer is the best first response to a hurting and broken world. We put our compassion to its best use when we use it as fuel for intercessory prayer.

READ: PART 4

LUKE 10:17-20

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 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. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the attitude of the seventy-two when they returned?
2. What made the seventy-two joyful?
3. Why did Jesus talk about Satan in response to their joy?
4. Jesus' authority extended beyond casting out demons. Over what other things does Jesus give the seventy-two power over?
5. Jesus refocuses their eyes on the true cause for joy. What is it?

THOUGHTS TO HELP YOU LEAD DISCUSSION

- The seventy-two walked back to Jesus in victory. Demons submitted to them and they marveled at that.
- Jesus' discussion about Satan was to bring to their attention the sin of Satan: pride. Miracles might make us think of ourselves as more than we ought to.
- The true cause for joy was the addition of sons and daughters, eternal souls, being added to God's kingdom. That has always been God's goal. To reconcile humanity to Himself.





CONCLUSION

COACHING QUESTIONS:

- What was one new thing you discovered about God today?
- What is your response to Jesus' call to pray for harvesters?

COMMITMENT TO ACTION:

- The labor shortage for the plentiful harvest is our responsibility. Will you commit to pray for laborers to be sent to the harvest field every day at 10:02 AM or PM? Join the movement today by setting an alarm and texting "XAPRAY" to 313131.

PRO TIP

Pairing up people as they accept the 10.2 challenge will help them be accountable to pray. Have everyone write their names on pieces of paper. Pull out names two at a time and pair up students to follow up and encourage one another as we pray for laborers.

RESOURCES:

- Go to chialpha.com/10.2 for more resources on prayer.
- Follow [@WeLiveMissions](https://www.instagram.com/WeLiveMissions) on Instagram.
- Watch videos on Prayercast.com. It has excellent videos that will help you pray along with gifted intercessors from different people groups.
- **Unreached of the Day** app - Download and pray for a different unreached people group each day.



CHANGE THE WORLD

IT TAKES ONE MINUTE

What if we prayed earnestly to the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into the harvest field?

Would you join a movement of students who pray for laborers at 10:02am or pm?



BE THE GENERATION

HEED HIS CALL

It is our responsibility to pray earnestly so that our world may hear the Good News.



JOIN THE MOVEMENT

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