

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

The Lost Art (of Disciple Making)

Week of September 1, 2019

Week 5: I Am Sending You (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Text: Luke 10:1-21

This week we finished our study of Jesus' brilliant strategy to make disciples. His final step was to send His disciples out to do ministry themselves. He sent out seventy-two of His followers on a mission trip that would mark their lives forever. When we help our disciples courageously step into the disciple-making adventure, they too will never be the same!

Kicking it off: The NFL season kicks off this week! Do you care? Describe the level of your enthusiasm for football.

Discussion:

1. Reread *Luke 10:1* 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.

Being a "sent-one" (missional) is a major theme of Jesus' ministry. What does it mean to have a "life shaped by God's mission?"

2. Reread *Luke 10:2* Jesus 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."

Why did Jesus say this to His disciples?

3. Reread *Luke 10:3-4* "Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road."

Why did Jesus say these things?

4. Reread Jesus' instructions to His disciples found in *Luke 10:8-9* "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

How can our disciples minister to others in a way that corresponds to these instructions?

5. Reread Jesus' words in *Luke 10:16* "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me."

Can you think of a time that your effort to impact someone spiritually seemed to be a failure? How can these words of Jesus encourage you regarding that apparent failure?

6. Reread *Luke 10:17* The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

Can you remember a time that you felt the exhilaration of being used by God? If so, tell the group about it.

7. How can we "send" our "disciples" as Jesus did his?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that the group members and their "disciples" will realize that they too are "sent" by Christ. Pray that they start to live lives shaped by God's mission.