

Luke 10: 1-20

The tragedy and triumph of the coming kingdom



Choose one or two questions from each section.

The text – Luke 10:1–20

1. In Luke 9:1–6, we read of the sending out of the Twelve. How is the sending out of the seventy-two in Luke 10 similar and different?
2. How important are the 72 messengers for the mission of Jesus?
3. Why would Jesus refer to the 72 as lambs and to the possibility of meeting wolves?
4. What is the impact of Jesus' references to Sodom, Tyre and Sidon?
5. What role do demons, snakes, scorpions and satan have in this passage?
6. What is Jesus teaching in 10:20?

The Scriptures – Luke 10:1–20 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. You may want to fill out your understanding of the ungodly cities that Jesus names.
Sodom – Gen 19; Ezek 16:49–58
Tyre and Sidon – Isa 23; Ezek 26–28
8. How is the portrait of God's people in Isa 42:18–25 like that of Korazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum?
9. Explore the imagery of trampling snakes in Gen 3:15 and Rom 16:20. Is Acts 28:4–5 significant? Take a look at the longer ending of Mark's Gospel in Mark 16:17–18. Why might this have been written?
10. How does Jesus' vision of satan falling from heaven relate to Rev 12:7–17?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 10:1–20 as a portion of the Scriptures

11. Do you pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers? Why or why not?
12. Would you have wanted to be one of the seventy-two?
13. 'Familiarity breeds contempt.' 'Familiarity breeds confidence.' What does familiarity do to your relationship with God?
14. Would Jesus pronounce woe over your life?
15. What encourages you from this passage?