

Making disciples: sermon notes

discussion guide

based on **Luke 10:1-20** (Linked to sermon of 13/03/2022)
which can be accessed at www.stjamesbythepark.org/talks



Worship: Begin with a time of worship and thanksgiving, either use Isaiah 62 or use "God will make a way" <https://youtu.be/1zo3fJYtS-o>
As a starting point for short prayers of thanks and praise.

Starter questions: On paper or post-it-notes jot down your answers to the following questions:
How would you define "mission"?
What do you think is the mission of your small group?
Share your answers with the group.

Head: Read Luke 10:1-20 through and discuss the following questions

1. In verse 1 how did Jesus send out the 70 and why do you think he did it this way?
2. What image does "lambs into the midst of wolves" verse 3 suggest to you?
3. According to verse 3 what are the disciples not to take with them? Why do you think Jesus said this?

(Commentaries suggest that "no sandals" probably means no spare pair not that they travelled barefoot and the lack of greeting is not a call to be impolite but rather a reminder that their business is urgent and there is no time for greetings, which tended to be long and elaborate in the Eastern world).

4. According to Jesus, how are the disciples to be provided for during their mission? (v.6-8)

5. What are the disciples to do a) in the towns where they are welcomed and b) in the towns where they are not welcome?

6. Do you find verse 12 surprising? What had gone on in Sodom? (you might look at Genesis 19 if you are not sure)

7. How successful was their mission (v.17)?

8. What do you think Jesus meant in v.18? (It may be Jesus' way of expressing how the Kingdom of God was now advancing against Satan. The ultimate defeat of Satan is to come and be achieved through Jesus' own sacrificial death and resurrection.)

9. What sort of power does Jesus give to the disciples? Do we take this literally or metaphorically? (in Acts 28:3-5 Paul is rescued from harm from a snake but snakes are also used in the Bible as a metaphor for Satan so it could be that they are given power over evil)

10. What does Jesus say they are to really rejoice in? (look at Daniel 12:1 and Revelation 3:5 as a reminder). How do you feel about your name being written in the book of life?

Heart: Spend a bit of time reading the passage again independently. Think about and discuss the following:

1. What questions do you have about the passage?
2. If Jesus were sending you out, just like the disciples, how would you feel?
3. The disciples are given power through the Holy Spirit to cast out demons, heal the sick and be immune from harm. Does Jesus still give his disciples those powers today? (have a look at the following passages to help with your discussion Ephesians 1:18-20, James 5:14-15, John 14:14)

Hands: Look back at your answers to what you think your groups' mission is. Is there a common thread? Are there ways as a group you feel called to advance the Kingdom of God? Spend some time praying together about your joint mission as well as your individual callings.