

The Dilemma of Divine Disclosure

Luke 10:10-16 ▪ October 12, 2025 ▪ Brad Manley

An _____ **With The Kingdom Of God** (10, 11)

An _____ **Of Judgment** (12-15)

An _____ **For Grace Or Guilt** (16)

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¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ '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.' ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³ "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴ But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶ "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me." (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: Think about a time you worked hard to warn someone about a danger, but they chose to ignore you. What was that experience like, and how did you feel when they refused your warning?

Read & Discuss: Luke 10:10-16

1. In this passage, Jesus pronounces “woes” on the cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum (v. 13). What do we learn about these cities from Jesus’ statements? Why do you think Jesus compared these unrepentant Israelite cities with the pagan cities of Tyre and Sidon? What point was He making?
2. What do you think it means for a city to “repent in sackcloth and ashes” (v. 13)? We often think about repentance as a very personal experience. What might it look like for us to express our repentance in a broader, more communal manner?
3. Jesus’ pronouncement on Capernaum (v. 15) is particularly severe, as He had made this city his headquarters for much of His Galilean ministry. What might this suggest about the relationship between spiritual privilege and greater accountability? In what ways have you experienced spiritual privilege that would correlate with a greater accountability? What should privileged opportunity ultimately produce within us?
4. The people in these cities witnessed Jesus’ miracles firsthand, but many refused to repent. Why do you think it is so difficult for people—then and now—to change their hearts and lives, even when confronted with clear evidence of God’s work?
5. Jesus says in verse 16, “The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.” How does this affect the way you think about sharing your faith—especially with people who reject the message? What does this statement reveal about the authority given to those who share the Gospel?
6. Jesus’ tone in this passage is one of both sorrow and admonishment. What does this reveal about God’s disposition toward those who have not yet responded to His invitation for repentance and faith? How can a similar disposition express itself in our words and actions?

Apply: What opportunities are there in your sphere of influence to share Gospel-centered truth with people who might be hesitant to accept it?

Pray: Ask God to open the eyes of people to see their need to repent before our Holy God. Pray God provides us with opportunities to share Gospel truth with love and grace.