

The Joyful Invasion

Luke 10:1-9 ▪ October 5, 2025 ▪ Nick Braitto

God is the Sovereign, Gracious _____ of the _____. (vv. 1-2)

God is the Faithful, Sufficient _____ for the _____. (vv. 3-4, 7-8)

God is the Compassionate, Reconciling _____ of _____. (vv. 5-6)

God is the Powerful, Unstoppable _____ of the _____. (v. 9)

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¹After 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. ²And 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. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: Share about a time you had to move forward with a plan or task even though you felt underprepared or under-resourced. How did the situation end up getting resolved?

Read & Discuss: Luke 10:1-9

1. Jesus tells the disciples that "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" and instructs them to "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (v. 2). What does this statement reveal about the urgency of the mission? Does this statement still feel true today? Why or why not? Where do you see plentiful harvest opportunities in your own context?
2. Jesus warns the disciples, "I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves" (v. 3). What does this phrase tell us about the reality of the world the disciples were entering? How can we still go forward with both courage and compassion while remembering this truth?
3. Jesus gives the disciples very specific and counter-cultural instructions: "carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals" (v. 4). Why do you think Jesus insisted on this radical dependence and simplicity? Later, in Luke 22:35-38, Jesus gives different instructions to His disciples. How do these two passages together help us see the importance of seeking God's leading for differing circumstances? How can both dependence by being without resources *and* preparation for anticipated needs be paths that allow us to honor God and have fruitful ministry?
4. Jesus tells the disciples, "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'" (v. 5). What is the significance of leading with an offer of peace? How does a greeting like this set the tone for our words, and what can we learn from it about approaching people?
5. What reason(s) might Jesus have had for encouraging His disciples to remain in one home as opposed to going from house to house (v. 7)? Are there any principles for that instruction that might apply to us today—and if so, what are they?
6. The primary tasks given to the seventy-two were to "heal the sick" and "say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you'" (v. 9). Why do you think Jesus tied acts of healing so closely to the verbal proclamation of the Kingdom? How can we embody both word and deed in our witness today—even if miracles don't always accompany our actions?
7. The mission is focused on demonstrating and declaring the presence of God's Kingdom. ***Read Matthew 9:35-38.*** How does compassion fuel the authority and credibility of our witness? What happens when proclamation is separated from compassion, and how can we guard against that drift in our own lives?

Apply: What is one specific, tangible step you can take this week to participate in the advance of Christ's Kingdom?

Pray: Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send more laborers into the field and that we would have the courage and dependence on Him to be effective witnesses.