

Luke 10:1-20 – Sending Out the Seventy

Introduction

1. Jesus has gone back to Galilee to give His disciples a strong emphasis on missions and evangelism; Evangelism is storming the Kingdom of Satan with the Gospel

Main Idea: Sin separates the sinner from God, but Christ came to save the sinner. Evangelism is the means the Lord uses to gather His sheep out of the world, out of the clutches of Satan's rule, and translate them into His care. Those who receive the true evangelist, receives Christ. Those who reject the true evangelist, rejects Christ and incurs God's just judgment.

Reconciliation: A Message of Peace (Luke 10:1, 5-6)

1. The biggest problem in the world is man's alienation from God
 - a. Man is hostile in mind, doing evil deeds for the soul by nature is corrupted by man's fall into sin (**see Colossians 1:21**)
 - b. Sin separates us from God; the sinful state of our dispositions and affections are the things that belong to Satan and His Kingdom
2. Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil; He declared war on the Kingdom of Darkness and an explosion of demonic activity occurred
 - a. He preached one theme – Repent for the Kingdom of God was at hand; His mission was to reconcile the lost to God, to bring peace between God and sinful man
 - b. The Gospel of Peace destroys the work of Satan, transforming the heart by the Spirit's regenerative work
3. The Mission of God is to bring salvation in the Son of God
 - a. A Mission of peace under Kingdom authority – where King Jesus is, there the Kingdom is also
4. Who is the evangelist? All Believers! – to our families, friends, neighbors, and enemies
5. Jesus sent them two by two – coordination and lawful, for on the basis of two or three witnesses a matter is established; verification
 - a. A child of God is a missionary, a witness for God
 - b. All Christians are obligated to evangelize
 - c. Evangelism is organic, not a program
 - d. Evangelism first takes place in the home, then at work & neighbors
6. Evangelism is a mark of devotion to Christ
7. A word of warning: be a follower of Christ, committed to Him, learning from Him to be an effective evangelist; a self-denying, cross carrier
8. We evangelize by both lip and life, word and deed
9. What is the Message of Peace? We sinned against God and deserve His justice, but He sent His Son to die for sinners to save them by His grace
10. The Lord works through the means of evangelism to win His sheep; the Lord sends you to share the Gospel (**Romans 10:14-15**)

Reckoning: A Warning of Judgment (Luke 10:2, 10-16)

1. The Harvest
 - a. A Misunderstanding – the harvest is people hungry for Christ
 - b. The harvest is not the crop ripe for the picking by the evangelist
 - c. It is a mistake is to think of the laborers as the obstacle to evangelism
 - d. The harvest is synonymous with the world of people and is always in relation with judgment from God (**Joel 3, Mat 13, Rev 14**)
 - i. The Day of Wrath/The Day of the Lord is coming, are you ready?
 - ii. Do you see a world of humans on the way to judgment?
2. Double responsibility: Christians need to speak the full counsel of God (Judgment, Repentance, Faith, Salvation), & the listener needs to heed it
3. Receiving the evangelist is to receive Christ and the Father
4. The ultimate tragedy of the human race is the rejection of Christ
5. Jesus compares Galilean cities that He did mighty works within to the notoriously wicked cities of Sodom, Tyre, and Sidon
 - a. There are levels of sin – it is more sinful to reject Christ than what these inhabitants of these cities did
 - b. Thinking one is ok without Christ is eternally dangerous
6. Jesus exercises His prophetic office, pronouncing woes on the cities for they refused to repent of sin and believe on Him (**see Hab 2:9, 12, 15, 19**)
7. Gospel preaching is gravitas, weighty – for the destiny of the sinner is at stake; false teachers preach peace where there is no peace (**Luke 6:26**)
 - a. False shepherds are popular with everyone except those who love truth
 - b. The nature of the Gospel call that there will be people who hate you
8. The Gospel must include the reality of God's wrath – and the call to flee to Him who has mercy through the atonement of Christ's blood
9. Be a faithful ambassador for Christ, proclaiming the Kingdom of God
10. We are responsible to believe and continue in belief, for at the judgment seat of Christ you will not be able to play ignorant
11. As an evangelist, if someone rejects the message of Christ, you may need to dust your sandals off and move on, even if it is family
 - a. Live in a peaceable way with them, and maybe they will come to know the Lord (**See 1 Corinthians 7:12-16, 1 Peter 3:1-4**)

Reliance: The Promise of Peace (Luke 10:3-9, 17-20)

1. The Lord is reliable; He provides all we need, for He is our provider
2. We walk by faith and not by sight, learning to trust in the Lord
3. Reliance on God can be hard for where He tells us to tread, to share the Gospel – in the dirty, dangerous, and dark places of the world of wolves
4. The Christian has the Good Shepherd who has a rod/staff to guide/protect
5. The Seventy returned with joy, having the authority of God over demonic powers; the Gospel has power over the demonic!
6. The joy of salvation is produced every time a soul is snatched from the grip of Satan; The Angels in Heaven Rejoice!
7. True Joy is knowing your name is written in Heaven in the Lamb's Book of Life; You have true peace with God (**Revelation 21:27**)
8. Evangelism and witnessing is God's invitation into that joy