

Living Water Fellowship

5th Sunday in Lent – 3rd April 2022

COME TO JESUS

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION START RIGHT HERE (CASTING CROWNS)

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

SONG: *Be Still*

BIBLE READING: Luke 10:1-11, 16-17

¹ The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples & sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns & places he planned to visit. ² These were his instructions to them: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. ³ Now go; I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ Don’t take any money with you, nor a traveller’s bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. Don’t stop to greet anyone on the road.

⁵ “Whenever you enter someone’s home, first say, ‘May God’s peace be on this house.’ ⁶ If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. ⁷ Don’t move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating & drinking what they provide. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality; for those who work deserve their pay.

⁸ “If you enter a town & it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick, & tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God is near you now.’ ¹⁰ But if a town refuses to welcome you, go out into its streets & say, ¹¹ ‘We wipe even the dust of your town from our feet to show that we have abandoned you to your fate. And know this—the Kingdom of God is near!’ ...

¹⁶ Then he said to the disciples, “Anyone who accepts your message is also accepting me. Anyone who rejects you is rejecting me. Anyone who rejects me is rejecting God, who sent me.”

¹⁷ When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, “Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!”

CHILDREN’S TIME:

FAITH CHAT:

1. Where do you spend the most time with folks who are not yet followers of Jesus?
2. Our call is to be agents of Jesus’ “harvest” in this world. What things stop you from doing that well...or at all?

THE MESSAGE: *RSVP: INVITATION TO HARVEST*

OFFERING SONG: *Filled my Life with Grace (AT 548)*

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion: TO THE TABLE (ZACH WILLIAMS)

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God, Jesus sends you into his harvest!
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *Take my Life & let it Be (LH 377)*

SHOW HIS LOVE

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Luke 10:1-11, 16-17. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear God say as you read it a few times? What do you find most challenging? Why?
2. Why are the disciples sent out in teams? What's the significance of 72? (Num 11:16) Why do you think Jesus repeats this setting apart/sending out, both as a mirror of what Moses did AND in an echo of what he did with the 12 (Lk 9:1ff)?
3. Notice Jesus speaks of "harvest." He seems to skip the plowing, planting, & waiting part of cropping. What does that suggest to you? How does it feel knowing Jesus assumes success rather than assuming failure in mission as we often do? Note also that Jesus assumes his followers are the answer to that prayer for "more workers." How do you understand your role as one of those workers? How willingly & fervently have you accepted that role? Explain your answer.
4. How does Jesus describe these being sent out? How do you feel about that? What does that suggest about followers of Jesus engaging not-yet-Christian people in our daily lives in the name of Jesus? In Mt 10:16 Jesus says his disciples are to be "wise as serpents & innocent/harmless as doves." How do these two comparisons give you a clear picture of your place in the world as a disciple?
5. In verses 9 & 11 Jesus equates the presence of his followers in mission under his mandate as bearers of the Kingdom of God. How is their reception where they go an indicator of that place's destiny when the Kingdom comes at the last day? How is that a matter of urgency for the church & for you? What's at stake in the mission of Jesus?
6. Will everyone they meet be open to the proclamation & promise of Jesus? Why do you think that? What is our response to those who reject the message of salvation in Christ alone? What does the action of not taking even the "dust" from a place with you when you are rejected achieve or imply?
7. What's the difference in speaking about coming judgment & the promise of Christ that frees us from it, & calling down judgment on someone? (see Lk 9:54-55)
8. What were these disciples excited about when they returned? Why do you think they were most excited about this? How did Jesus describe the impact of their ministry? What does that tell you about the power we are privileged to possess as followers of Jesus sent into this world in his name?
9. Additionally...read verses 20 & 23-24. Do you believe the disciples understood & appreciated their privilege of living & walking alongside Jesus? What responsibility falls to them based on that privilege? How do you see your life through that lens? What do you need to more fully live out your responsibility as a bearer of the good news and an agent of the Kingdom of God?
10. In what situations is Jesus calling you to bear witness to the nearness of the kingdom of God? What will it mean for you to respond to his call? In what can you rejoice?