

Priming the Pump

1. Begin by reading the Scripture for this week's message, Luke 10:1-20.
2. Have you ever gone on a mission trip specifically to evangelize? This can include anything ranging from missionary activity overseas to a weekend serving at a local center. Share with others how Gospel opportunities came up and how the people responded. Share how were you edified in your faith.

Getting into the Word

3. Jesus pronounced harsh judgments on three Galilean cities, stating that it will be more bearable for the most wicked cities of the Old Testament than these. Read the following selections describing God's future judgment on these Old Testament cities: Tyre (Amos 1:9-10), Sidon (Ezekiel 28:20-23), and Sodom (Genesis 19:24-25).

Why will final judgment be worse for Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum, and any other city that rejected His disciples?

4. In our passage this week, Jesus sent out the seventy (or seventy-two), giving them authority over sickness and demons. There were two other great "commissions" in Jesus' ministry, one in the previous chapter and one at His ascension. Compare and contrast these three "commissions"; what was the same and what was different in each? Why might there be differences each time?
 - a. Luke 9:1-6
 - b. Luke 10:1-12,17-20 (this week's passage)
 - c. Matthew 28:16-20

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5. The final phrase in this week's Scripture contains an interesting command from Jesus to His disciples: we should never highlight ourselves but should always point only to Jesus. Read the following Scriptures and discuss the intentions and purposes of each:
 - a. Diotrephes, 3 John 1:9-10

 - b. John the Baptist, John 3:27-30

 - c. Simon the Magician, Acts 8:18-24

 - d. Herod, Acts 12:21-22

 - e. Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel 4:29-37

Digging Deeper

6. Jesus commanded the seventy-two to pray that the Lord would send laborers out into the harvest, and then He immediately sent them out as laborers into the harvest. They were praying for themselves! Jesus was using a light humor to teach we don't only pray that God would do His will, but we should pray that we should do God's will. Talk about a time when you were praying for a situation, and then realized that you were God's answer to your own prayer. Was it obvious in hindsight that you were especially chosen for that task? How did this give you confidence and boldness?

7. Pastor Aaron talked about how some of the great Bible heroes experienced feelings of inadequacy for the tasks that God gave them. Has there been a time when God called you to a task that you felt ill prepared and unequipped to handle? Did other Christians come alongside to assist and edify you? Do you have a favorite Bible promise that gives you strength to continue when these times come?