

Luke 10:1-12

10After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

Dwelling in the Word

Distribute Bibles or the words to Luke 10:1-12

Leader reads the scripture to the group.

Others can follow along in Bibles or handouts or can simply listen.

Allow some silence to unfold after the reading.

After the brief silence, each person finds a reasonably friendly-looking stranger to share what they heard and to listen to what the other person heard. Begin by asking the stranger to share what picture or question popped up or where their imagination was caught as the passage was read. Each takes time to listen to one another well enough to report what the other has said. Make sure to exchange names and something about oneself, so that each can introduce the other during the reporting.

The pairs return to the larger group and introduce their partners and share what they heard from each another.

The leader makes sure that everyone has been introduced and has shared what was heard and spoke.

The leader may summarize what was heard by the group after all have shared.