



SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS for Sunday, March 10, 2024

Series: "Via: The Road We Choose"

Sermon Title: "Envoy"

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Primary Text: Luke 10:1-9, 2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:1

Theme/Concept:

As Jesus is "on the way" to Jerusalem, He sends His followers out to minister in advance of His presence. They are "envoys" (another word derived from "via") in that they – and we- act as ambassadors of Jesus. His instructions for His early followers are also for us today as we live as Christ's ambassadors in the world.

Icebreaker (for groups):

Share about a time when you or your family planned a trip or a travel experience. How did it go?

Reflections on the Sermon:

What new insights did you hear or what reminders from the passage did you receive?

Scripture Passage:

Luke 10: 1-9 (NIV)

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two^[a] others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. **2** He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. **3** Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. **4** Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

5 "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' **6** If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. **7** Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸“When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

Reviewing the Scripture:

1. In the opening of this passage what do we find in verse 1?
2. What instructions did the Lord give to his followers in verse 2?
3. Give a summary of the details found in verses 3-4.
4. Describe the instructions regarding blessings to be given along the way by the Lord’s “envoys”, as found in verses 5-6.
5. In verse 7 the Lord Jesus gave guidelines about hospitality. What were they?
6. Summarize the guidance found in verses 8-9 for the followers of Jesus as they traveled along.

Going Deeper:

1. How are we to interpret the phrases “Lord of the Harvest” and “laborers”, as found in verse 2?
2. Verse 3 has language about lambs and wolves. How were the earlier followers to understand Jesus’ meaning here? Were these envoys to be fearful?
3. What are some of the benefits in being sent out in pairs?
4. Do you see the concept of building community in verses 7-9? Why is this important in ministry?

5. How should we interpret the phrase, “The workman is worthy of his wages” or “Those who work deserve their pay” in verse 7? What is the context here? (Feel free to refer to other translations).
6. How do you imagine the followers understood the Kingdom of God in their time? (see: Luke 9:60 and 62, Luke 10:9 and 11).
7. Give a summary of 2nd Corinthians 5:20-6:1 regarding being an envoy for Jesus.

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Are you at times fearful or timid in sharing your faith with others? What might be some “wolves” that you would experience or encounter? Ask the Sovereign Lord to be with you during these times.
2. Who can you encourage in your life, or realm of influence, to join with you in prayer and service for the kingdom of God?

Closing Prayer:

Our Heavenly Father,

We praise you for your goodness to us, and we thank you for your sovereignty in all things. Help us to share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus with others in our life. We want to have open eyes and hearts to help advance the Kingdom of God. We pray that you will be with us, your envoys in the world, as we share your love.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.