

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 New Living Translation

Jesus Sends Out His Disciples

10 The Lord now chose seventy-two^[a] other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and 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, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. **4** Don’t take any money with you, nor a traveler’s bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And 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 and drinking what they provide. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay.

8 “If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you.

9 Heal the sick, and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God is near you now.’

10 But if a town refuses to welcome you, go out into its streets and 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!’ **12** I assure you, even wicked Sodom will be better off than such a town on judgment day.

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

18 “Yes,” he told them, “I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning!

19 Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. **20** But don’t rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.”

Footnotes:

a. 10:1 Some manuscripts read *seventy*; also in 10:17

b. 10:15 Greek *to Hades*.

Questions:

1. How did Jesus ask his 72 disciples to pray for the spiritual harvest?
Explain what this harvest is about.
2. Should we also pray for God to send workers into his fields?
3. What did Jesus ask the 72 disciples to do in verse 3?
4. Explain specific ways you can be a worker in the harvest fields of your school.
5. Pray as a group or in pairs that you will have the courage to be a worker. Pray for the Holy Spirit to use your words and actions for a spiritual harvest.