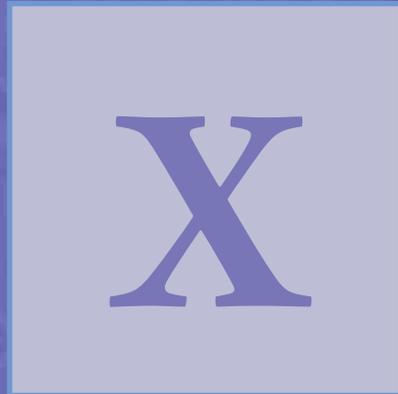
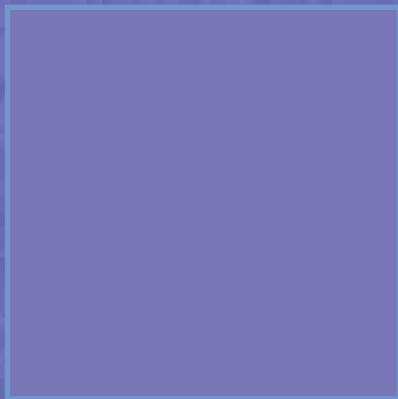


C H A P T E R



1. Just as we have done for the previous chapters, be sure to read or listen to the chapter, at least, twice before answering the study guide questions. This will help you become familiar with the events, people and truths presented.
2. The chapter opens with Jesus sending out more witnesses to every town and place, where he was about to go. In chapter 9 we saw Jesus giving power and authority to his twelve apostles and sending them out as witnesses, to preach the gospel. How many are being sent in chapter 10?

It is important to note that they went out in groups of two.

How was a matter established as truth during ancient times?

Read Deuteronomy 19:15

“...a matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.”

3. How did Jesus describe the harvest awaiting them?
4. How are the laborers described?
5. Because of the potential harvest available and the few workers on hand, what does the scripture tell us to do? Read Luke 10:2. Do you recall Jesus' example of multiplying provisions in Luke 9:16? What did Jesus do when there was a great need and a small provision?

What was the result?

6. In verses 3-11, Jesus gives these witnesses specific instructions. Fill in these blanks:
Go! I am sending you out _____ among wolves. ⁴Do not take a _____ or _____ or _____; and do not greet anyone on the road. ⁵“When you enter a house, first say, _____.” ⁶If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷_____, eating and drinking what ever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from _____ . ⁸“When you enter a town and are welcomed, _____ .” ⁹_____ who are there and tell them, ‘ _____ is near you.’ ¹⁰But when you enter a town and are _____, go into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ Luke 10:3-11 NIV
7. These witnesses were not chosen because they were of superior intellect. They had simply been with Jesus and watched how he ministered. They had been empowered, equipped, and instructed by the Master. Now, it was time for them to go, sharing the gospel and warning that the kingdom of God was near.

There are several towns mentioned in Luke 10:12-16. List them.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

Day Two

8. Jesus declares a “Woe” to two cities. A woe is an exclamation of grief and sadness. What is Jesus saying to these cities?
9. What happened in Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum that did not happen in Sodom, Tyre and Sidon?
10. We must not take rejection of the gospel personally. When we are sharing the good news with others, if they reject it who is it they are really rejecting?
11. We do not know how long the seventy-two were gone but all returned unharmed and filled with joy. Just like the apostles, the seventy-two witnesses came back and reported how things had gone. What did they seem most surprised and excited about?
12. Jesus was not surprised by their power and authority; he had given it to them. What did Jesus tell them should be their greatest reason for rejoicing?
13. We must be very careful to never get so accustomed to the fact that we are saved, and that heaven is our home that we neglect to rejoice when we think of our salvation. When was the last time you rejoiced because your name is written in heaven?
14. Most of us make special note of the day we were born. We often celebrate year after year our birthday and the birthdays of our family members. But few people recall the actual day they repented and asked Jesus to save them. This is our spiritual birthday. Unless someone mentions it, we probably did not think to write down the date. I would know neither of these dates if someone else had not written it down for me. Thank you, John Murphy, for telling me to write the event on the inside of my Bible so I would not forget. I was born August 24th and I gave my heart to Jesus June 1, of course these dates were separated by 34 years.
What are some ways to celebrate this special day?

It does not need to be a party, (although it is a good reason to eat cake) How might we acknowledge this day and make it different from the other 364 days of the year.

15. Have you ever wondered; how does Jesus feel when he sees you sharing the good news? Read verse 21 again, how did he feel when the seventy-two came back unharmed, with good reports of sharing the gospel?
16. Next we read a beautiful story of compassion. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho was a long, dangerous stretch of road. It coiled through the mountains and cliffs, with many hiding places for robbers and thieves. This poor traveler was robbed of all his money and belongings. He was left to suffer in the elements, heat in the day and cold mountain air of the night. Just as he thought all hope was lost, he saw a priest coming toward him. How do you think the man felt when he saw the robes of one who served in the temple coming his way?

What did the priest do when he saw the man?

17. I cannot imagine the disappointment he felt as the priest faded out of sight. Later, another man came near, a Levite, he was not a priest, but he was one who served at the temple. How did the Levite treat this poor, desperate man?

Day Three

18. These two men, the priest, and the Levite, should have seen this as a divine appointment. They were accustomed to serving God. What does this say about the way these men served God?

Before we get too judgmental, have you ever seen a need and yet thought I'm too busy, someone else can help this time. The point of the story is not merely that these religious leaders dropped the ball, but that people are hurting, and we should be ready to help.

19. Fortunately for this poor and dying man, these were not the only two travelers who came by. The third was a Samaritan, who scripture says, "... took pity on him." This is the Greek word *Splagchnizomai*, which means to be moved with compassion. This same word was used in Mark 6:34; 8:2, who is moved with compassion in each of these verses?
Mark 6:34
Mark 8:2
After reading the verses in Mark, who do the actions of this Samaritan resemble.
20. To what lengths did the Samaritan go to help this man? Try not to miss any details.
21. We would have thought well of the Samaritan if he had merely bandaged the man's wounds and shared his wine and oil. However, taking him to the inn and caring for him, then leaving money for his care and promising to reimburse any extra, is way beyond what one might expect. When was the last time you went above and beyond for someone else?

Day Four

22. As I write this study guide, it is the beginning of the holidays. Thanksgiving and Christmas seem to be the time of year when our focus is less on self and more on others. We look for ways to meet a need. Looking back, how have you served someone not on your Thanksgiving and Christmas list? Would you consider doing a random act of kindness today? Share it with your group when you discuss this chapter. Perhaps your small group could choose to meet a need together. Jesus said, *"The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want."*
23. When Jesus finished the parable, he asked the man, *"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"*

What was his answer?

Did you notice, this Jewish man would not even speak the name Samaritan.

Do you think this revealed a bit more about this man's heart for others?

Do you have certain qualifications for those you do and don't help?

24. Do you remember how this all began back in verse 25?

The expert in the law asked Jesus, *"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

This man was an expert in the law of Moses. He had answered Jesus well when he said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

In verse 37, what did Jesus tell this man to do?

What do you believe Jesus meant when he said this?

As you have read this section of scripture have you felt a stirring in your heart for others?
Random acts of kindness do not always require money.

- You could smile at someone you do not know.
- You could call someone who lives alone to see how they are doing and pray for them.
- You could do something as simple as opening a door or returning a grocery cart for someone else.

I know you can think of several more.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to develop the habit of kindness and be known as a kind person?

25. The next section of scripture is not a parable, it is an actual event reported by Luke. Jesus is visiting Bethany and he is at the home of Martha; she is the sister of Lazarus and Mary. This section of scripture does not mention Lazarus. What is the focus of verses 38-42?

Notice how Martha began her question for Jesus, *“Lord, don't you care...”*
Who is Martha most concerned about?

26. Serving Jesus will look different for each of us. But time at Jesus's feet should be a part of every day. What was keeping Martha from sitting at Jesus feet?
27. I can almost hear some of you reading this. You may be thinking, *“Well, someone needs to get food on the table.”* Jesus did not condemn Martha for preparing for her guests but, perhaps she was going a bit over-board.

I, too, struggle at family gatherings by wanting to make sure everything is perfect. (That is...perfect, in my eyes.) I would miss time with those I love. Many years ago, after an extremely exhausting few days cleaning and preparing for a holiday, I noticed I had no memories of sweet conversations with those present. No special word from God during this time. Now, I purposefully look for ways to make the workload less, so I can sit and enjoy time with Jesus and with others. Holidays at our house are paper plates and foil pans only. What are some ways you minimize tasks in order to have time for what is truly important?

28. Would you be more likely to be found doing something for Jesus or sitting at Jesus feet?
29. Are you sitting at Jesus feet, as you do this study or are you finishing the study guide and checking it off the list for today?

Sitting at Jesus feet is more about our heart, what is the posture of your heart?

Is studying God's word a “have to” or “get to” thing for you?

30. What do we gain by being with Jesus?
31. In verse 41, Jesus said, *“Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed-or indeed only one.”*

Define these two words

worried

upset

Rewrite verse 41, in your own words.

32. I want to commend you, my friend. The time you are spending in his word is being with Jesus. Do you feel it?

33. Of all the things a person could be doing, what does Jesus say about choosing time with Him? Verse 42
34. What did Jesus say about Mary's choice?

Let's do a bit of review for this chapter.

35. Jesus chose 72 of his followers, disciples to go out and share the good news. In what ways do you relate to these witnesses?

What do you have in common with them?

36. In Luke 10:2, Jesus clearly said that the harvest is plentiful. Let's look at 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 to glean a greater understanding of the harvest. What do you learn about the harvest from the verses below?

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ' So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase."

37. Sharing the gospel brings us joy and it is a joy to the heart of God. Did you realize this? Does that make you want to share the good news even more?
38. We often enjoy doing acts of service for family and friends, although shouldn't our area of service be broader?

We should be leading by example. We are all leaders of someone. Someone is always watching us. Craig Groeschel said, *"Leadership is influence, and everyone has influence."* How will you be influencing others today?

39. One last Craig Groeschel quote. *"The decisions you make today will determine the stories you tell tomorrow."*

It will also be the stories, told by others, about us after we are gone. What is one word would you like to have said about you? She was...

I doubt any of you wrote, she was busy. No one would choose this word and yet that is often how we present ourselves, as if that is a good thing. Let's find ways to create margin in our time so that we can enjoy Christ and others as the Lord intended.

40. Awards are awesome, but sometimes we can go a bit over-board. A friend told a story of his son getting a "participation award." I suppose there is nothing wrong with this type of award, but what does it really matter?

Read Hebrews 12:1, who is cheering us on to the finish line?

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

41. Like a good coach what proactive plan does the author of Hebrews encourage us to do?
- a.
 - b.
 - c.
42. Have you ever heard the expression, “stay in your lane”?
This is what the author of Hebrews means when he said, “...*run with endurance the race set before us.*”
We each have our own race and lane God the Father has planned. The fact we are encouraged to run with endurance, lets us know it will not be a simple stroll. There will be curves and hurdles and we must be prepared. Remember Jesus has given his followers the Holy Spirit living in us to help us. We are not alone.
43. Keep your eyes on the prize just as Jesus, who ran before us, kept his eye on the prize and the “...*for the joy set before him.*”
Let me ask you, what (or should I say who) was the joy set before him? WE WERE THAT JOY. Reconciling us, paying our sin debt, so we could have a relationship with him.
What are you willing to endure to finish well?

Hebrews 12:2

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

