

Luke 10:1-16

Doing What Disciples Do



The significance of '70'?

See Exodus ch24 & Numbers ch11 where God instructs

Moses to appoint 70 elders.

Jesus is establishing God's 'true Israel' and we are His

fellow workers – called to Him... to go for Him... that others might meet Him.

1. Pray, v2

- ▶ It is God who sends the labourers
- ▶ It is God's harvest they are reaping
- ▶ Gospel work is founded on prayer

2. Prey, v3

There is nothing in us that could possibly achieve that which He sends us out to do.

We are helpless, hopeless, exposed and vulnerable.

Our only hope is that He will be with us to protect, keep and

sustain us, and that's precisely what He does.

Vance Havner:

“Any man who takes Jesus Christ seriously becomes the target of the devil;

most church members do not give Satan enough trouble to arouse his opposition.”

3. Preparation, v4–16

(i) v4a... rely completely upon God for your every need.

(ii) v4b... be single-minded and urgent.

(iii) v5–8... self-denial and contentment.

(iv) v9... be sure of your message.

“Friend, you’re on the brink of eternity and you need to sort out where you’re heading right now and the Lord Jesus Christ is your only hope, let me tell you about Him!”

(v) v10–16... a stunning truth

To be exposed to the light of the gospel yet choose to remain in darkness brings God’s severest judgment.