

# Simply Jesus

## The Life and Ministry of God's Son

### Inductive: Lesson 16

#### Introduction

God's big blueprint for reaching a lost world includes using all types of people who comprise His body—the church. One can't help but wonder why He chose to use sinful, incompetent human beings to accomplish a holy goal when He could've used angelic beings who are far more dependable and accurate in their methods of communicating such an important plan of salvation. Extraordinary as it is, for whatever reason, God chose to use us.

"After these things" is a reference to the previous encounter Jesus had with three individuals expressing varying degrees of commitment on His way to Jerusalem. The lesson of those encounters conveyed how often commitment to Christ is at best half-hearted and full of excuses. Here in Luke 10, Jesus appoints seventy men, sending them out "two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go" (v.1). Eighteen months prior, Jesus had sent out the twelve; those names and personalities we are somewhat familiar with. However we know nothing about the seventy other than the fact that they were willing to be used by Him. That fact alone should encourage each and every believer today—that even if no one knows who you are, they should know *who's you are!* God indeed wants to use you in His grand plan of reaching the lost.

#### Did you know

The Greek word for *disciple* means *student*. Upon receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, every believer enrolls in God's school of obedience. They sit in the classroom and learn for a season as part of their own growth process, but it doesn't end there. God's goal for His children is that they would—like the disciples—become messengers of the Good News. Jesus referred to the twelve as His *disciples* until He sent them out (Matthew 10:1). After that they became known as *apostles*—ones divinely commissioned to be sent out as ambassadors to represent Him.

Open your Bible and lesson each day by beginning with a word of prayer.

## Up Close ~

The chart below represents a reader's guide to the contents of this week's lesson. The topical teachings and/or events covered are followed by the primary scriptural text as well as the supportive parallel passages. You will be able to receive and grasp a well-rounded picture of the story narrative in the Gospel harmony by reading every passage. However, using the bolded text as your point of reference (your anchor text) will allow you to determine the facts, lessons, and personal applications necessary to formulate your own conclusions.

<u>Teaching / Event</u>	<u>Scripture Text</u>	<u>Parallel Passages</u>
The Seventy are Sent Out	<b>Luke 10:1-16</b>	
Messengers Return with Joy; Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit	<b>Luke 10:17-24</b>	
Parable of the Good Samaritan	<b>Luke 10:25-37</b>	
Mary and Martha Worship and Serve	<b>Luke 10:38-42</b>	

## First Impressions: Group Discussion

**Reflect** for a moment on the passages you have just read.

**Respond** by recording your first impressions from your initial reading of the text. Be prepared to share one of your impressions with your discussion group.

---

---

---

---

---

## Heartbeat: Luke 10:41-42 NKJV (Memory verse)

(Write it out once in the space below. **Practice it each time** you open your lesson.)

*. . . Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, And Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.*

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

2 Then He said to them, ‘The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

5 But whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house.”

6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house.

8 Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you.

9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

10 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,

11 “The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.”

12 But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

15 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades.

16 He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.’

Luke 10:17–24      The Messengers Return with Joy; Jesus Rejoices

17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.'

18 And He said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.'

19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.'

21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, 'I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.'

22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.'

23 Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, 'Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see;

24 for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it.'

Luke 10:25–37      The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?'

26 He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?'

27 So he answered and said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.'

28 And He said to him, 'You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.'

29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'

30 Then Jesus answered and said, 'A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho,  
and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him,  
and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him,  
he passed by on the other side.

32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked,  
and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was.  
And when he saw him, he had compassion.

34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his  
own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper,  
and said to him, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend,  
when I come again, I will repay you."

36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?'

37 And He said, 'He who showed mercy on him.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

#### Luke 10:38–42                      Mary and Martha Worship and Serve

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village;  
and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, 'Lord, do  
You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.'

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and

troubled about many things.

42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part,  
which will not be taken away from her.'

(Scripture from the New King James Bible, © 1980 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. Used by permission.)

## Observation: Look!

Pray. Read the Bible passage several times, trying to get a big picture of what is going on.

Left Column (Facts): Following the writer in the order he tells the story, briefly describe who is involved, what is happening, when and where the events are taking place.

Right Column (Observations): Look closely to observe details. Some questions you may ask:

- What do you know about the people involved in the story? What questions does the story raise? What sources of conflict do you see? What does Jesus identify as true and important to life?
- Put yourself in the Biblical character's shoes. What were his ambitions? How did the character relate to others or to God? What problem did he think he faced? Did Jesus identify a different problem in his life? What did he discover about God? How did he respond?
- Are there any words that you are not familiar with? Look up the definition.
- Are there words or phrases that are repeated or emphasized? Why are they key?
- Identify comparisons, such as "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven..." What do you know about leaven (yeast)? Identify contrasts, such as "You have heard it said...but I say to you..."
- Extra: Record information you may find in Bible dictionaries, maps, handbooks, or encyclopedias. Understanding the culture/time in which Jesus lived will help you discover the meaning of the text.

Luke 10:1–16

The Seventy are Sent Out

What does it say? (Facts from passage)

What do I see? (Personal research/observations)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Luke 10:17–24      Messengers Return with Joy; Jesus Rejoices

What does it say? (Facts from passage)

What do I see? (Personal research/observations)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Luke 10:25–37      Parable of the Good Samaritan

What does it say? (Facts from passage)

What do I see? (Personal research/observations)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Luke 10:38–42

Mary and Martha Worship and Serve

What does it say? (Facts from passage)

What do I see? (Personal research/observations)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## Interpretation: What does it mean?

Pray. The more time you take to observe the passage, the more you will have a basis for understanding what God's Word means. Interpretation **always** seeks to answer the questions, "What was God saying to the original audience?" and then, "How does that same truth relate to life today?" Asking yourself questions will help you see the spiritual lesson in the text: What does this teach me is true about God? What does it teach me is true about mankind? Is there a command to obey? Is there a promise to claim? Is there a condition to the promise? Is there an example I should follow or avoid? A spiritual lesson is a timeless truth that points to God and speaks to the heart of man. Stating the lesson in a sentence of 10 words or less will help you keep it simple and memorable.

**Application:** How does it apply to me? Pray. Practicing Biblical truth day-to-day is the only way to grow in Christ and reflect the glory of God. To apply the spiritual lesson you have learned from the text, you have to take deliberate action. Take the time to examine yourself, and ask: Does this spiritual lesson point out error in my thoughts about God? Does it point to error in my attitude or actions? How does this lesson relate to my home life, my work, my relationships, how I spend my time, etc? What change is required? What practical steps will I take to make that change? Write your application in the form of a question to help make it personal.

Luke 10:1–16

Lesson:

---

Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 10:17–24

Lesson:

---

Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 10:25–37

Lesson:

---

Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 10:38–42

Lesson:

---

Application: \_\_\_\_\_

## Behold & Be Transformed

What did you see as you beheld God's Son?

---

---

---

---

---

---

How does beholding (looking upon) Him, motivate you to change your thoughts, habit, attitude, speech or actions?

---

---

---

**Pause . . .** What is the most significant lesson you have learned this week?

---

---

---

**Ponder . . .** How will you put it into practice?

---

---

---

**Pray . . .** Write out your prayer and be specific.

---

---

---

---

---

---



