

Expansion

Luke 10:1-22

Short term missions– why?

Expansion... Many movements expand through the sword, conquest. But not this one.

The Mission

1. *The Team (10:1)*
 - *Seventy-two sent out two by two, ahead of Jesus*
2. *The Need (10:2)*
 - *Not enough workers, so pray.*
3. *The Risk (10:3)*
4. *The Provisions (10:4-8)*
 - *No moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals?*
 - *Yet this teaches a lesson, for later this happens:*
“When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, ‘Nothing.’ He said to them, ‘But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack.” (Luke 22:35-36)
 - *Let someone provide for you: “for the worker is worth his wages.”*
5. *The Work (10:9-11)*
 - *Heal them and then interpret what this means. If they reject you, give a warning.*

Appendix: Warning and Woe from Jesus (10:12-16)

The Results

- *We really did have supernatural power! (10:17)*
- *Satan, fallen. (10:18)*
- *But the real miracle is– salvation. (10:20)*

The Rejoicing

Jesus rejoices in the Holy Spirit to the Father. Why?

- *Hidden to the wise but revealed to children.*
- *What no one knows*

Questions for Further Reflection and Application

1. *Read Luke 10:1-22. Do you want to be sent?*
 - a. *Would it seem like a thrill or burdensome? A privilege or a duty? Would it be acceptable to you if it is short-term? Not all are called to be long-term foreign missionaries– but we might wish that more would go.*
 - b. *Actually, we should pray about that, see 10:2! Pray now according to Jesus’ command here.*
2. *The work of this mission is real, but in some way, it is also training. Consider Luke 22:35-36. Now this is incredibly special training, but how can you receive training today for your service to the Lord? What do you need? Can you pursue it?*
3. *Jesus says the most important thing is salvation (10:20), not the miraculous powers. Why does this seem upside-down to us?*