

Life Group Material – or notes for your own study

Living the Kingdom Way (Luke)

Week beginning 28/10/2018

Sending you out - Luke 10:1-24

Session

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Sharing our stories

What is the scariest and riskiest thing that you have done for God?

And what happened?

Read Luke 10:1-24 through together and then have a couple of minutes' silence, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

The followers of Jesus had watched Jesus 'demonstrate and proclaim the Kingdom' and had seen Jesus do many amazing miracles. Now, we see Jesus inviting others to join his mission and sending out 72 of his followers to go and do the same.

- How do you think 'the 72' felt as Jesus sent them out? How would you have felt?
- Why do you think Jesus sent them out ahead of him?

Look how Jesus sent them out...

- a) In twos (v1)
 - b) Without purse or bag or sandals (v4)
- Why do you think Jesus sent them this way?

I once heard someone describe how we all need "courage buddies" – people to spur us on and give us courage to take risks and be bold for God in the places we find ourselves in the week.

- Do you have any 'courage buddies' on your 'frontlines'? People who can support you, who you can pray with and who you can spur

you on to be bold for God? How could you as a 'life group' be 'courage buddies' for each other?

v5-7 describe finding the '**people of peace**' in a community. These are people who are not necessarily Christians, but will welcome you into a community, who will offer you friendship and support and who have good connections and can introduce you to, and link you to, others.

- Who do you recognise as the 'people of peace' in your communities and in your workplaces?

The 72 returned having stepped out in faith and seen God do amazing things (v17).

- Have you experienced times when you have courageously stepped out in faith and seen God do unexpected things? Share any stories you may have.

Jesus sends us out to continue his mission of 'proclaiming and demonstrating his Kingdom'

- Do you feel that includes you? And what might that look like for you as individuals and as a group?

Prayer and response

In a time of quiet, be open to God and ask him to show you what he wants to say to you through this passage.

Take time to pray for the different places you will find yourselves in this week. Pray for the 'people of peace' in your communities and that you will have the courage to step out and 'be sent' for God.