Discipleship

Scripture: Luke 10:1-16

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Overview



"Enthusiastic spectators" ... We are all enthusiastic at how God uses others to serve Jesus and when people are saved. But we cannot be a Christian who is merely a spectator of the church. Charles Spurgeon agrees, "Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor." Are we ready to participate, or are we standing at the sidelines?

The urgent mission of the church calls us to pray and go.

Corroborating Texts

Luke 9:1-6, Deuteronomy 19:15, John 20:21

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the mission of the church? How does the "Sent, Pray and Go" statement by Pastor Joe accomplish this? What does this look like for the individual Christian today? Do you feel the urgency?
- 2. How would you describe your current participation in the mission of the church?
- 3. We are a sent people. See John 20:21, Luke 9:1–6. What should that look like for us? How have you been prepared for this mission?
- 4. We are a praying people. How would you describe your prayer life? What are we to be praying for specifically? See Luke 10:2. (Praying that we would be sent) Why is it so important that we pray for the lost and for the church?
- 5. We are called to go. Is "going" expected of God's people? What does this look like for you? What are some situations that might slow us down, causing us to dawdle? What are some of the things we should be remembering as we go?
- 6. Why is it important to also share the "bad news" when we share the good news of the gospel? See Luke 10:10–16.
- 7. Pastor Joe shared four ways to be involved in the mission of the church in the manner we are called to: 1) Start the conversation (of the gospel); 2) Get uncomfortable; 3) Share your joy; and 4) Remember that Jesus is worth it.
 - a. Who can you start or continue the conversation with? Discuss the idea of "stringing someone along." What has kept you from doing so?
 - b. As followers of Christ, we have been called to a life of discomfort. How is sharing the gospel uncomfortable? Why should we embrace this discomfort? Why is discomfort—and even rejection—worth it?