

THE MASTER'S SHORT TERM MISSION

Luke 10:1-20

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“Sociologist Rodney Stark begins his book *The Rise of Christianity* by addressing this crucial issue: ‘All questions concerning the rise of Christianity are one: How was it done? How did a tiny and obscure messianic movement from the edge of the Roman Empire dislodge classical paganism and become the dominant faith of Western civilization.’¹⁵ This is exactly the question to ask of the church at this point in history. At the beginning of Christianity, something took hold of believers on the inside, and it created a revolution. The life of God invaded humans and took up residence inside them.” *Christlike, the Pursuit of Uncomplicated Obedience*, Bill Hull, p. 39

If this is true ... what then should be our focus as we once again see God doing great things? Luke 10 has some answers.

WHY THIS PASSAGE?

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- The **Requirements**

- The Lord outlined for them...

- ✓ The great **need** (vv. 1-2)

- ✓ The reality of **danger** (v. 3)

- ✓ The **proper** way to accept **provision** (vv. 6-7)

- ✓ The **message** (vv. 9, 11)

- ✓ The possibility of **rejection** (vv. 10, 16)

- ✓ The eternal **consequences**

- The **Results**

- The success of the seventy highlights the fact that when God uses the **unusable**, and is magnified by the **motley**, the spirits even are **subject** ... causing rejects and “regulars” to **rejoice**.

- The **Reflection**

- Think “this not ... that.”

- ✓ Christ reminded these men to **rejoice** over the **right stuff**.

- When we rejoice over the wrong things:

- ✓ We will **compare** ourselves with **others**.

- ✓ We will come to believe that **we** released God’s **power**.

- ✓ We will make the Christian life about a certain **activity** or **experience** and not the Savior.

The focus? **Praise God You’re Saved!**

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15. Rodney Stark, *The Rise of Christianity: How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant Religious Force* (San Francisco: HarperOne, 1997), 3.