

## Reflection Questions: Luke 10:1-16

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*These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to [MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages](http://MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages).*

### **INTRODUCTION**

**Pray.** Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

**Read the Scripture text:** Luke 10:1-16

**1** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. **2** And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. **3** Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. **4** Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. **5** Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' **6** And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. **7** And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. **8** Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. **9** Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' **10** But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, **11** 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' **12** I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

**13** "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works 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 bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. **15** And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

**16** "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

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### **Let's get started...**

- What initially grabs your attention in this text? What questions or thoughts arise as you reflect on what it's saying?

### **QUESTIONS**

#### **1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.**

- As Jesus is sending his disciples out to proclaim his gospel to the cities ahead of him, Jesus asks them to pray to the Lord. What did he ask them to pray for, and why do you think he wanted to send them out with this prayer on their hearts and lips?

- Jesus told his disciples that some people would receive them and others would reject them. How does that inform our witness today? On other words, knowing this to be true ahead of time, how does it form your expectations? Does it give you confidence, or increase your anxiety?
- In verse 16, Jesus wanted his disciples to not take acceptance or rejection personally. How were they to view “success” and “failure”? What can we learn from this?

**2. Let’s think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus’ followers.**

- How does this text like this help us as a community to remember to stay on mission? Compare this to Matthew 28:18-20 and John 17:21.
- How might we encourage one another to pray for Christ’s mission in the midst of 1,001 other things to pray for?

**3. Let’s think about how this text applies to our city.**

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. What does this passage teach us about the way God spreads the message of Jesus in our city?
- At the end of the message, the Pastor said, “God doesn’t ask about our ability or inability, only our availability.” How does this encourage you to want to grow as a witness for Christ?

CONCLUSION QUESTION

What is the one thing you want to take away from this study to remember or to make a change in your life?

PRAYER

What are some ways you can turn what you are learning into prayer? List them as bullet points....

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