

# Sermon Discussion Guide- Week of March 8, 2020

## The Jerusalem Road: Tri-City Blues

Pastor Temple 8am, 10:30 Fest., Pastor Hall 9:15, 10:30 Fam. Life

### Getting Started- Life Updates, Prayer Requests & Opening Question (15 min)

- Anything to share about personal events since you last met or about applying last week's message on "Setting Your Face (to Jerusalem)?"
- Are there any joys or concerns that you would like to share with the group for the closing prayer time or for group members to hold in prayer during the week? (please note them below for later)

- Getting Started- If you had to sell something door to door, what would it be? (question by Lyman Coleman)

### Review the Sermon (15 min)

Please read aloud the sermon scripture, Luke 10:1-20. Know that it is ok to skip some questions below in order to manage the time for discussions in each section.

**10** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. <sup>5</sup> "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' <sup>6</sup> If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. <sup>8</sup> "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup> Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you.

**Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'** <sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. <sup>13</sup> "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup> But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. <sup>15</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. <sup>16</sup> "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me." <sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." <sup>18</sup> He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup> However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

- If you had to give a one-minute summary of the sermon message this week, what would you say?
- The “evangelical triangle” is a 2.2 square mile area north of the Sea of Galilee between the cities of Korazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum. Jesus spent much of ministry in the district of the Galilee in this area, going first to the Jewish residents and then also to the gentiles who were more transient and passing through the International Highway or in the other pagan cities in the area as well. Why, after experiencing resistance by the Jewish residents, is Jesus sending out these 72 here in 10:1 to these areas and why two by two (vs 1-2)?
- What instructions were given to them for this mission as they entered homes (vs. 3-7)?
- What was their ministry to be like in towns that would receive them (vs. 8-9)?
- In verses 10-15, why do you think Jesus anticipates that the towns of Jewish residents, would not receive Jesus’ followers even though he had performed miracles there already?
- In light of verse 16, how would you define “success” in this mission?
- How did it go (vs 17-20)?

### **Other Related Readings (10 min)**

- Would a volunteer please read out loud, Matthew 15:21-28.
- How does Jesus’ encounter with a Canaanite woman in the area of Tyre and Sidon (see vs 14 above) reveal his priority of seeking out the Jew first and the gentile second?
- Judging from where Jesus spend most of his ministry, what did he mean by “lost” sheep of Israel (vs 24)?
- Why would Jews in that area think poorly of the Phoenician cities of Tyre and Sidon?
- What caused Jesus to change his mind about this Gentile woman?

### **Personalizing and Applying The Message (10 min)**

- As you reflect upon the sermon and the additional readings above, what are points of encouragement or challenge for you personally?
- Have you been using the Christ Church passport book for the Jerusalem Road sermon series? How is it going?
- How is has your faith been stretched this past week?
- How might Jesus’ be redirecting us in where we are drawing our joy from (10:20)?

### **Witness & Closing Prayer (5-10 min)**

- Where might God be sending us out to this week with the authority and power to offer them Christ?
- How does knowing that Jesus will be present in places he sends his followers encourage you?
- Jesus’ asks us to pray for workers to be sent out for the harvest is plentiful (10:2). As the group prays for the concerns shared early, could you also lift up Jesus’ prayer request for people willing to share their faith to be sent out to the harvest?