

Sent As Sheep

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Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

~Luke 10:3 (ESV)

1) Entrusting The Harvest To Newbies

- A) Jesus Christ spent much of His earthly ministry training His 12 disciples. He was also followed by many other people, exemplified quite well in Jesus' appointment of "70 others" followers of Christ for surprising ministry (Luke 10:1).
- B) The significant principle which frames the appointment of "the 70" through this chapter (and ALL of the New Testament) is the abundance of the harvest, and the famine of workers for reaching the world (10:2).
- C) Jesus commissions His followers with a solution between harvest abundance and famine, calling for passionate asking/prayer to God for more... laborers (10:2).

2) The Type Of Laborers God Uses For The Harvest

- A) The "70" are immediately provided as the answer to the prayer for workers. They are the quintessential example of harvest laborers. However, their commissioning for carrying the message is disturbingly weak!
- B) Christ sends the 70 (10:3) as "sheep among wolves." They are to go without money, supplies, extra clothing; and go with such urgency that they are to greet no one (10:4).
- C) Their ministry of blessing with healing and Christ's coming (10:9) requires dependence on both God and those they serve (10:5-8). This is true evangelism, total dependence!