

180: LOVE IS SENT

LIFE GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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FACILITATING COMMUNITY

At New Hope Hermitage, we strive for people to come to Jesus, become more like Jesus, and be who Jesus intended them to be. While biblical worship and teaching are of the utmost importance, we know that biblical community is where life transformation occurs mostly. A true community isn't just a place to talk about faith—it's a place to live it out together as we seek for Hermitage to look more like Heaven.

As a leader, your role is to model care and consistency and facilitate discussion. You don't need to be perfect; you just need to be present and willing to go first to build something deeper.

What patterns should I incorporate into my life to help foster a sense of community?

- **Pray.** Pray for the Spirit to move during your group time and in the lives of the people in your group.
- **Prepare.** Listen to the sermon and allow the Spirit to work in and through you. Afterward, take the time to answer the five questions on your own.
- **Presence.** Reach out with a quick text or call to check on someone or their family. Acknowledge important events such as birthdays, anniversaries, new jobs, or answered prayers. Even a group text or card can make a significant impact.
- **Pursue.** Most importantly, walk with Jesus. Nothing can replace your personal relationship with Him.

One idea for this week...

- This week, find one tangible way to show God's love to someone.

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV), "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

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This Week's Main Takeaway

In Luke 10, Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples—ordinary people with an extraordinary assignment. They are not spectators of the kingdom but participants in its advance. This passage reminds us that every believer is sent by Christ into a world that desperately needs the hope of the gospel.

This Week's Memory Verse

Luke 10:16 (NIV), "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

Five Inductive Questions

1. GOD :: What does this passage imply about *God*?

Divine purpose comes from God.

God's commission for us is never to comfort but to conflict (v. 3). In verse three, "lambs among wolves" was a common metaphor in Judaism for being in a dangerous situation. The Lord of the harvest will always *provide* for His laborers in the field. It is *His* message that we go forth with to accomplish His purposes. Jesus, God in the flesh, was all about telling others "The kingdom of God is near." (vs. 9-11). Verse 16 helps us see that rejection of the disciples is ultimately a rejection of God and His purposes.

What does it tell you about God that sharing His gospel is not always easy?

2. MAN :: What does this passage imply about *man*?

Each disciple is appointed with their unique gift. We are not spectators of the kingdom but participants in its advance.

According to the CSB Study Bible notes, for verse two, we see that "Christ seems to be saying that, as abundant as the spiritual harvest was, the seventy-two whom he sent out to preach were not enough. There was a need for many more to take the message, and prayers must be offered to meet this need." Prayer is our ministry; we must go where light is needed the most and resist complacency (v. 2).

Why are both the call to pray and the call to go important?

3. PROMISE :: Is there a *promise* to claim in this passage?

We have the promises of God's peace and the fulfillment of what the disciples hoped for (vs. 23-24).

We live in an era that the prophets looked forward to, and the privilege of living in the fulfillment of what they hoped for. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we see more than the prophets did, because all of God's revelation is complete and has been given to us. We've been pulled aside privately by the Lord and given the glories of the gospel, so we would rejoice and be glad in Christ. (Exalting Jesus in Luke)

How does the resurrection of Jesus give us hope? How should this influence the way we live and share our faith?

4. COMMAND :: Is there a *command* to obey in this passage?

Our call as disciples is to go (the harvest) and be laborers (workers in God's kingdom) for His glory.

He calls the disciples to go without supplies because he will supply for them. God *provides* and *protects* His people. He commits to guarding them in the midst of danger and supplying for them in the midst of want (CSB Study Bible Notes). One commentator puts it this way: "The preacher does not determine the message. A faithful preacher only delivers what Christ has said. By the preaching of the gospel, the kingdom of God comes to men." It's also important to note that "the message does not change based on the audience's response. Whether the people receive us or reject us, the message remains the same: *the kingdom of heaven is near*. This means we don't have to worry about what to say. We simply need to know the gospel." (Exalting Jesus in Luke)

How can we move forward in confidence regardless of how the gospel is received?

5. REPENT :: Reflecting on this portion of God's Word, what can I *repent* of this week?

If you are truly sent, what field are you standing in, and what harvest have you left untouched?

Sources:

CSB Study Bible Notes (B&H Publishing)

Exalting Jesus in Luke (Holman Publishers)