

Series:
Incarnational Ministry

Message:
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Part 3

Luke 10: 1-24
(Focus verses 3b)

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Luke 10:1-3

**1 Now after this the Lord
appointed seventy others,
and sent them in pairs ahead of Him
to every city and place
where He Himself was
going to come**

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Luke 10:1-3

**2 And He was saying to them,
“The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few; therefore
beseech the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers
into His harvest.**

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Luke 10:1-3

**3 Go; behold, I send you out as lambs
in the midst of wolves.**

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Introduction:

We are considering together the concept of *Incarnational Ministry* as we look at Jesus instructions to His followers in Luke 10.

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Introduction:

**Jesus being fully God took on flesh
and became a human as well
so that He could become our Savior
and reveal Himself to us in a way
we could begin to understand.**

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Introduction:

**What Jesus did in becoming a man
is called incarnation.**

He took on our likeness to reach us.

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Introduction:

**NOW, we are His Body
as His Holy Spirit indwells us.**

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Introduction:

NOW, Jesus continues His
incarnational ministry through us.

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Introduction:

**Therefore, as we allow the Holy Spirit
to work through our lives
to touch the lives of others in the world
the ministry of Jesus Christ continues.**

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Introduction:

Our desire is to continue to consider the principles of Incarnation Ministry.

We desire to allow the Holy Spirit to teach us, burden us, and call us in a fresh new way to be Jesus to our community and to our world.

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Introduction:

**Thus far we have encountered
the first 4 principles
Strategy, Vision, Prayer, and Going.
Today we look at principle # 5,
*Warfare.***

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Principle # 5

The Principle of Warfare

(Vs. 3b)

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**Why would Jesus warn them
about spiritual warfare?**

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To be used by Jesus to **Make Disciples
is to join in the same spiritual battle
with Jesus against the forces
of darkness.**

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John 15:12-21 & 23

**¹² “This is My commandment,
that you love one another,
just as I have loved you.**

**¹³ Greater love has no one than this,
that one lay down his life
for his friends**

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John 15:12-21 & 23

**14 You are My friends if you
do what I command you.**

**15 No longer do I call you slaves,
for the slave does not know what his
master is doing;
but I have called you friends,
for all things that I have heard
from My Father
I have made known to you.**

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John 15:12-21 & 23

**16 You did not choose Me but I chose you,
and appointed you that you would
go and bear fruit,
and that your fruit would remain,
so that whatever you ask of the Father
in My name He may give to you.**

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John 15:12-21 & 23

**¹⁷ This I command you,
that you love one another.**

**¹⁸ “If the world hates you,
you know that it has hated Me
before it hated you.**

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John 15:12-21 & 23

**¹⁹ If you were of the world,
the world would love its own;
but because you are not of the world,
but I chose you out of the world,
because of this the world hates you**

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John 15:12-21 & 23

**20 Remember the word that I said to you,
'A slave is not greater than his master.'**

**If they persecuted Me,
they will also persecute you;
if they kept My word,
they will keep yours also.**

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John 15:12-21 & 23

**21 But all these things they will do to you
for My name's sake,
because they do not know
the One who sent Me.**

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John 15:12-21 & 23

**23 He who hates Me
hates My Father also.**

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John 17:14-20

**14 I have given them Your word;
and the world has hated them,
because they are not of the world,
even as I am not of the world.**

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John 17:14-20

**15 I do not ask You to take them
out of the world,
but to keep them from the evil one.**

**16 They are not of the world,
even as I am not of the world.**

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John 17:14-20

**17 Sanctify them in the truth;
Your word is truth.**

**18 As You sent Me into the world,
I also have sent them into the world.**

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John 17:14-20

**19 For their sakes I sanctify Myself,
that they themselves also
may be sanctified in truth.**

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John 17:14-20

**20 “I do not ask on behalf of these alone,
but for those also
who believe in Me through their word;**

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2 Timothy 3:12

**¹² Indeed, all who desire
to live godly in Christ Jesus
will be persecuted.**

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**What two things did these 70
have to do because of the warfare?**

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Trust in God for provision for the battle
(Lambs/Wolves)

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**He is sending us –
His authority, His Presence.
Lambs do not fear wolves
when they are in the presence
of their shepherd**

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Prepare daily for the warfare

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**We will face the struggle of battle
yet let us not forget it is Jesus
in whose strength we stand.**

Jesus has already won Victory!

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1 Corinthians 15:55-58

**55 O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”**

**56 The sting of death is sin, and the
power of sin is the law;**

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1 Corinthians 15:55-58

**57 but thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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1 Corinthians 15:55-58

**58 Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding
in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your toil is not in vain
in the Lord.**

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Matthew 16:13-18

**13 Now when Jesus came into the district
of Caesarea Philippi,
He was asking His disciples,
“Who do people say
that the Son of Man is?”**

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Matthew 16:13-18

**14 And they said,
“Some say John the Baptist; and others,
Elijah;
but still others, Jeremiah,
or one of the prophets.”**

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Matthew 16:13-18

**15 He *said to them,
“But who do you say that I am?”**

**16 Simon Peter answered,
“You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God.”**

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Matthew 16:13-18

**17 And Jesus said to him,
“Blessed are you, Simon Barjona,
because flesh and blood did not
reveal this to you,
but My Father who is in heaven.**

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Matthew 16:13-18

**18 I also say to you that you are Peter,
and upon this rock I will
build My church;
and the gates of Hades will not
overpower it.**

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Jesus said when He builds His church the gates of hell shall not overpower it.

**A gate is put up to keep others out
or to protect those within it.**

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**The gates of hell are therefore a defense.
So hell, the kingdom of the devil,
is on the defensive and cannot stop the
work of Jesus as He leads His church.**

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**How has He prepared us
for this warfare?
(The Armor of God)**

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Ephesians 6:10-20

**10 Finally, be strong in the Lord
and in the strength of His might.**

**11 Put on the full armor of God,
so that you will be able to stand firm
against the schemes of the devil.**

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Ephesians 6:10-20

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

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Ephesians 6:10-20

13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

14 Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

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Ephesians 6:10-20

**15 and having shod your feet
with the preparation of the
gospel of peace;**

**16 in addition to all, taking up the shield
of faith with which you will be able to
extinguish all the flaming arrows
of the evil one.**

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Ephesians 6:10-20

**17 And take the helmet of salvation,
and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.**

**18 With all prayer and petition
pray at all times in the Spirit,
and with this in view, be on the alert
with all perseverance and petition
for all the saints,**

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Ephesians 6:10-20

**19 and pray on my behalf,
that utterance may be given to me
in the opening of my mouth,
to make known with boldness
the mystery of the gospel,**

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Ephesians 6:10-20

**20 for which I am an
ambassador in chains;
that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly,
as I ought to speak.**

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**Put on the armor, Resist in the evil day,
Stand firm-said multiple times**

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Baseball uniform analogy

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**First 3 pieces of the armor
worn all the time-
like shoes, uniform, hat, etc.**

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**Second 3 pieces of the armor-
picked up when in battle
like picking up helmet, glove, bat.**

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Belt of Truth- (Loins)

**= life centered in Truth of God's Word-
hold all pieces together**

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Breastplate of Righteousness

**= vital organs-knowing who we are in
Christ is key to battle**

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Gospel of Peace shoes

**=being grounded in truth of Gospel- by
Grace- faith alone-in Christ**

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Shield of Faith

**= our faith in Christ fights off
every attack that comes
to our minds/hearts**

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Helmet of Salvation

**=Minds protected by truth
that we are God's child and nothing
can separate us from our Father's Love**

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Sword of the Spirit

=defensive weapon

– used to combat accusations-

Ex. Jesus temptation

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Application:

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Application:

**How is the enemy trying to keep you
from following Christ?**

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Application:

Are we prepared for the spiritual battle?

- Standing securely in His presence**
- Standing firm in His strength
- putting on the armor of God?**
- Standing together in His Unity & Purpose**

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