

Series:
Incarnational Ministry

Message:
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Part 5

Luke 10: 1-24
(Focus verses 4b-7)

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Luke 10:4-7

**4 Carry no money belt,
no bag, no shoes;
and greet no one on the way.**

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Luke 10:4-7

**5 Whatever house you enter,
first say,
'Peace be to this house.'**

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Luke 10:4-7

**6 If a man of peace is there,
your peace will rest on him;
but if not, it will return to you.**

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Luke 10:4-7

7 Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house.

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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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Principle # 7

The Principle of Priority

(Vs. 4b)

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- Quote -

“Greet no one on the way”

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Matthew 5:29-30

29 If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

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Matthew 5:29-30

30 If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

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Custom of Hospitality

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Primary Point

**do not get sidetracked and neglect
the primary call.**

It is not wrong to fellowship.

**Yet if we neglect the primary call
all the other things we do
are short of God's glory and purpose.**

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- Illustration -

Parable of the sower

– Luke 8:14 –

seed choked by **Worries** of this world-

¹⁴ **The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to maturity.**

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**Discouragement,
Distractions, Divisions**

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Principle # 8

The Principle of Relationships

(Vs. 5-7)

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We are to seek out those
in the harvest
whom God has prepared to help us
with the call to Making Disciples.

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**The Laborers needed,
will come from the harvest.**

**Be open to anyone God chooses.
God's choice is often much different
than who we would have chosen.**

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-Illustrations:

The Disciples Jesus Chose

**The People Jesus Transformed
and worked through
were typically society's outcasts:**

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**Building relationships
is costly.**

**It costs time, energy, work, focus,
and moving beyond our comfort zones**

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**Examples of the cost involved
in the building of relationships:**

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**Yielding preferences in the
“how to” do ministry.**

**Allowing the method to change
is uncomfortable**

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**Building relationships
across cultural and language barriers
is difficult and uncomfortable**

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**Giving up relaxation time
and entertainment time
to make time to build relationships
is uncomfortable**

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**Going to where the lost live
to build relationships is uncomfortable**

(Zaccheus and Matthew)

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Jesus is Holy.

**Jesus, being Holy,
chose to hang out with lost people.**

**He did this without sin
yet Jesus was condemned
by the religious**

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**Who would you be willing
to allow to go to Hell
because they make you uncomfortable?**

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**Practical suggestions
for maintaining the Priority
and for Building relationships**

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Be an Encourager

**people are drawn to those
that encourage them**

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- **Never give up on people**
- **Use words and actions to build up people**
- **Listen for the dreams of others and help them succeed**
- **Pray for **AND** with people**
- **Seek to contribute to the persons spiritual growth**

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**Practice Prayer
walking in your neighborhood,
work place, etc.**

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**Focus on others especially in
the normal traffic patterns of life
learn their names, their passions,
& find areas of common interest**

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**Open your home, open your life
make room for people**

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**Be alert to transition moments
times of joy & sorrow – be there!**

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**Ask questions about the person's
spiritual journey
without condemning the person.**

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Examples:

Who is Jesus to you?

**Would you be interested
in what the Bible says about Jesus
to compare it to your view?**

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Closing Thoughts

**Do you need a relationship with God?
Only possible through Jesus**

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Closing Thoughts

**Are the priorities of Jesus
the same as your priorities?**

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Closing Thoughts

**Who has God put into your path
to pray for and to be His instrument
to reach them?**

(Family / friends / neighbors / co-workers)

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Can God count on you to choose to overcome the desire for comfort to reach people?

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