

Series:
Incarnational Ministry

Message:

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Part 6

Luke 10: 1-24
(Focus verses 8-16)

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Luke 10:1-16

**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 10:1-16

**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 10:1-16

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

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Luke 10:1-16

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

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Luke 10:1-16

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

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Luke 10:1-16

**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 10:1-16

- 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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Luke 10:1-16

**8 Whatever city you enter
and they receive you,
eat what is set before you;**

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Luke 10:1-16

**9 and heal those in it who are sick,
and say to them,
'The kingdom of God
has come near to you.'**

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Luke 10:1-16

**10 But whatever city you enter
and they do not receive you,
go out into its streets and say,**

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Luke 10:1-16

**11 'Even the dust of your city which
clings to our feet we wipe off
in protest against you;
yet be sure of this,
that the kingdom of God
has come near.'**

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Luke 10:1-16

**12 I say to you,
it will be more tolerable in that day
for Sodom than for that city.**

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Luke 10:1-16

13 “Woe to you, Chorazin!

Woe to you, Bethsaida!

For if the miracles had been performed in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

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Luke 10:1-16

**14 But it will be more tolerable
for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment
than for you.**

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Luke 10:1-16

**15 And you, Capernaum,
will not be exalted to heaven,
will you?**

You will be brought down to Hades!

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Luke 10:1-16

16 “The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.”

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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:

*Thus far we have encountered
the first 8 principles*

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Introduction:

The first 8 principles

- Strategy - Laborers called, empowered, sent by God
- Vision - Harvest is ready
- Prayer - Focus prayer on calling of laborers
- Going – Go to them, do not wait on them to come to us

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Introduction:

The first 8 principles

- Warfare—Trust God and prepare daily –
put on the armor of God
- Dependency - God's leads us into places where
we must depend on Him
- Priority-Do not get sidetracked and neglect
the primary call make disciples
- Relationships— Be open to all, count the cost
of building relationships

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Principle 9

The Principle of Flexibility

(Vs. 8)

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“Eat what they set before you”

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Paul’s example of flexibility

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1 Corinthians 9:19-23

**19 For though I am free from all men,
I have made myself a slave to all,
so that I may win more.**

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1 Corinthians 9:19-23

**20 To the Jews I became as a Jew,
so that I might win Jews;
to those who are under the Law,
as under the Law though not being
myself under the Law,
so that I might win those
who are under the Law;**

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1 Corinthians 9:19-23

**21 to those who are without law,
as without law,
though not being without the law
of God but under the law of Christ,
so that I might win those who
are without law.**

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1 Corinthians 9:19-23

**22 To the weak I became weak,
that I might win the weak;**

**I have become all things to all men,
so that I may by all means save some.**

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1 Corinthians 9:19-23

**23 I do all things for the sake
of the gospel,
so that I may become
a fellow partaker of it.**

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Areas of needed flexibility

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Examples:

Orality and *Heart language*

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Principle 10

The Principle of Decision

(Vs. 9-16)

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**Some will receive the Gospel message
and others will not.**

**Our role is to bring each person
to a decision.**

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We *are* responsible to share
the message *as much as possible*
in the *most effective way* possible.

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**We are *not* responsible
for the person's decision.**

**We must be sensitive
to the Holy Spirit.**

**The Spirit may lead us
to not share for a period of time
due to the person's rejection.**

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**A person's rejection
is not a rejection of us.**

**It is a rejection of God's *call*
and God's *offer* of eternal life
through Jesus Christ-**

His offer of *Relationship*

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Bringing a person to the point of decision involves:

- Building a relationship- *Lifelong* relationship
- Cultivating the heart of the person
- Sharing the Gospel

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**Cultivating a person's heart
is done by:**

- **Our lifestyle of faithfulness**

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**Cultivating a person's heart
is done by:**

- **Our acts of love and kindness
w/no expectations**

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Cultivating a person's heart is done by:

- **Our proclamation of the Gospel
in a way the person can:**

- Understand it- Heart language, How they learn best

- Receive it – Not condemning, speaking the truth in love

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Closing Questions

**Are we willing to ask God
to examine our heart
for any signs of inflexibility?**

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Closing Questions

**To whom is God leading you
to share the Gospel?**

**Write down the name(s)
in your outline**

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Closing Questions

**How will God work through you
to build the relationship
with this person?**

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Closing Questions

**What flexibility will God require
for you to be able to
share the Gospel
with this person?**

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Closing Questions

**How will you be used by God
to prepare the person's heart
for the Gospel?**

**(Lifestyle, actions,
best method for them)**

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