

Series:
Incarnational Ministry

Message:
Incarnational Ministry
Part 7

Luke 10: 1-24
(Focus verses 17-24)

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Introduction:

Today we conclude our study of the concept of *Incarnational Ministry*.

**Jesus shares
the final two principles with us
as He speaks to His followers
in **Luke 10**.**

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Introduction:

*Thus far we have encountered
the first 10 principles*

Strategy - Laborers called, empowered, sent by God

Vision - Harvest is ready

Prayer - Focus prayer on calling of laborers

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Going - Go to them; do not wait on them to come to us

Warfare - Trust God (Lambs) and prepare daily (armor)

Dependency - God's leads us into places where we must depend on Him

Priority - Do not get sidetracked or neglect the primary call to make disciples

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Relationships – Be open to all, count the cost of build relationships

Flexibility – Be able to adapt to be able to reach people

Decision – Lead people to make a decision

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Luke 10:17-24

**17 The seventy returned with joy, saying,
“Lord, even the demons
are subject to us in Your name.”**

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Luke 10:17-24

**18 And He said to them,
“I was watching Satan fall from heaven
like lightning.**

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Luke 10:17-24

19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.

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Luke 10:17-24

20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.”

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Luke 10:17-24

**21 At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said,
“I praise You, O Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
that You have hidden these things
from the wise and intelligent
and have revealed them to infants.
Yes, Father, for this way was
well-pleasing in Your sight.**

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Luke 10:17-24

22 All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”

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Luke 10:17-24

23 Turning to the disciples,
He said privately,
**“Blessed are the eyes
which see the things you see,**

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Luke 10:17-24

24 for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them.”

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Principle 11

The Principle of Celebration

(vs.17-19/21-24)

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- **As the 70 returned they celebrated with Jesus and the 12 Apostles.**
- **The reason for the celebration was the reality that God had worked through the lives of these common people to accomplish supernatural, eternal works.**

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- **There is no greater experience, after salvation, than being used by God to touch another person's life.**
- **1 Thessalonians 2:19 – Paul declared that the people being ready for the return of Christ produced Hope & Joy**

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1 Thessalonians 2:19

**19 For who is our hope or joy
or crown of exultation?**

**Is it not even you, in the presence
of our Lord Jesus at His coming?**

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- **Colossians 1:28-29 Paul said the goal was to present every person complete in Christ. This goal required proclaiming, admonishing, and teaching. It was labor. It required striving or perseverance.**

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Colossians 1:28-29

28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

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Colossians 1:28-29

29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

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- *Proclaiming is*
the building relationships, cultivating,
and sharing the Gospel

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- *Admonishing is*
providing encouragement and
accountability for daily living and serving

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- *Teaching is*
communicating the truths of God's Word
through sharing truths
and through modeling faithful obedience

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- *Complete is*
when a person experiences
the New Birth, begins to live and serve
in faithful obedience,
connects to the Body of Christ
to use gifts, worship, grow in faith,
and multiplies through bring others
through the same process.

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2 Timothy 2:2

2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

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- **We see that the process of presenting someone as complete in Christ is a 4 generation multiplication. We see Paul reaching Timothy. Timothy reaches faithful men. Faithful men reach others who will be faithful. This process produces celebration!**

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- **We should celebrate when God uses us to accomplish something that will last for eternity**

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- **We should celebrate that Jesus can and does work through any life surrendered to Him**

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- **We should celebrate the truth that serving God leads to greater intimacy and knowledge of who God is**

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- **Jesus rejoiced greatly!**

Jesus rejoices when Satan is defeated.

**Jesus rejoices when the truth
of who He is shared:**

**He is God and the only way to know God
in a personal relationship**

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- **Jesus rejoices over the growth of His followers.**

His focus of celebration was not based upon the results of the trip.

It was based upon what God was doing in the lives of these 70

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Principle 12

The Principle of Perspective

(vs. 20)

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**In the midst of the celebration
Jesus stopped for a moment
to remind these disciples of the
perspective they should always maintain.**

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**The real source of joy is not
in the results or accomplishments.
The real joy comes from the knowledge
that we belong to God.
He has recorded our names in heaven.
We eternally are a part of God's Family
and His Kingdom**

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**There will be times where the same
faithful obedience brings
different results.**

**The writer of Hebrews reveals this truth
in Hebrews 11:32-40.**

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Hebrews 11:32-40

**32 And what more shall I say?
For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon,
Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David
and Samuel and the prophets,**

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Hebrews 11:32-40

**33 who by faith conquered kingdoms,
performed acts of righteousness,
obtained promises,
shut the mouths of lions,**

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Hebrews 11:32-40

**34 quenched the power of fire,
escaped the edge of the sword,
from weakness were made strong,
became mighty in war,
put foreign armies to flight.**

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Hebrews 11:32-40

**35 Women received back their dead
by resurrection;
and others were tortured,
not accepting their release,
so that they might obtain a better
resurrection;**

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Hebrews 11:32-40

**36 and others experienced mockings
and scourgings, yes, also chains
and imprisonment.**

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Hebrews 11:32-40

**37 They were stoned, they were
sawn in two, they were tempted,
they were put to death with the sword;
they went about in sheepskins,
in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted,
ill-treated**

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Hebrews 11:32-40

38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

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Hebrews 11:32-40

39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

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Hebrews 11:32-40

40 because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

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If our celebration is based upon results we will live a roller coaster life.

If we are able to celebrate and give thanks in all things we will be walking in the perspective Jesus is teaching.

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Closing Questions

**Can you celebrate today the reality
that you belong to God?**

**Do you know with confidence
He has written your name in heaven?**

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Closing Questions

Are you laboring, striving to be presented complete in Christ?

Are you helping to make sure others are made complete?

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