

Mar. 6 - Scripture: Luke 10: 1-24

Verses that speak to you: verse 2 and verse 16.

Observation: Luke 10:2 - I sense God telling me through this verse that He has prepared many hearts to receive the Truth, to become children of God. He has prepared the "harvest". Yet He was asking here, and I believe is still asking us today, "where are the workers"? Why is it that we who are in Christ are not telling others about His goodness? I am reminded of the verse in Romans 10 where Paul exclaims that they can't believe if they have not heard, and how can they hear if no one tells them? I am a "worker", you are a "worker." We have a job to do. And a privileged one at that! We are all responsible to share the good news of Jesus. It is indeed REALLY GOOD NEWS! It should be something that is so easy for us to do. Jesus also says here that we not only need to be the workers but we should be praying for God to send out more workers. If all of us who are truly Christians would do these two things; work the harvest fields, and pray for more workers, I believe we would see many people come to know Jesus.

I am also going to focus on verse 16 of Luke 10. In a way, I believe it goes well with verse 2. Here Jesus tells the disciples that anyone who accepts their message, also accepts Him, and anyone who rejects them is rejecting Jesus. He who rejects Jesus is also rejecting God. I believe this is an important scripture to take a look at in relation to verse 2. Although I believe that God often leads us to share His love and truth with people in whom He has already begun preparing their hearts, there are times when we may share with someone whose heart is not ready to receive it. Rejection is not something that anyone enjoys and we often take it very personally. Verse 16 gives me comfort that as I follow Jesus by sharing His truth with others, He takes the rejection I might face upon Himself. Truly amazing. I am reminded here as well that even if a person rejects what we share, we can be assured that our work did not go to waste. We at times are seed planters. That seed needs time to grow and some day another "worker" that God sends out to the fields will have the privilege of reaping the harvest.

Application: Look for opportunities today to share the good news. We have nothing to lose! The rejection we might face will be placed upon Jesus, and the possibility of sharing with someone in whom God has been preparing is more than worth it! Also, pray for God to send more workers into the harvest fields. There are many people that are ripe for the picking. They are just waiting for the workers. God needs more workers. That's me, and that's you!

Prayer: Father God, thank you for sending workers into the harvest fields when you were calling my heart to yours. I pray that you would place in every Christian a broken heart for the lost, and that you would allow that brokenness to stir a deep desire to share the good news with those you have placed in our lives. May you rise up many workers and send them out into the fields. Give us opportunities to share your love, truth and incredible gift of salvation with many people. Father, Help us to be obedient to you in this. May the harvest be plentiful. In Jesus' name. Amen

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