

TO PROCLAIM THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Luke 10:1-24

Key Verse: 10:9

"Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'"

Study Questions:

1. Read verses 1-3. Why did Jesus appoint and send out the seventy-two? Why two by two? (Ecc 4:9,10; Mt 18:19) Where did he send them? How did Jesus view the world into which he was sending them? (2-3)
2. Read verse 4. How should they behave? What timeless principles can we find here? Read verses 5-7. What gift do they bring to the home they enter? In what sense must all Christians be peace-makers? Why not move around?
3. Read verses 8-12. What must disciples do in a town that welcomes them? What is their main message? (See Mk 1:15) Why? How did Jesus teach them not to compromise? (10-12) Why is the message of the kingdom good news for some and bad news for others?
4. Read verses 13-16. Why was Jesus sorrowful? What were the cities over which he lamented? Why did he lament? Why should servants of God not be dismayed when rejected? (16)
5. Read verses 17-24. Why were the seventy-two so joyful upon their return? What did Jesus teach them about real joy? Why was Jesus joyful? How did he express his deep human loneliness? What was his comfort? Why are Jesus' disciples blessed people?