

The 72

Equipping Kingdom Leaders and Believers

Theme: A Luke 10:1 Vision

May 16th, 2023**I Introduction**

1 The Mission of the 72

Luke 10:1 (ESV)

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.

- Jesus strategically has places to show up.
- You have been sent to prepare places for Jesus to show up.

2 Jesus' focus: _____ and _____.

3 Pastor Gary Bolton's Testimony

- In the Republic of Ireland, after "The Troubles," the nation went from 80% church attendance to 10%.
- Trouble always sets up our hearts to be _____ by God.

4 The Power of Pain and Offense

John 16:33 (CSB)

³³ I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

2 Timothy 3:1–5 (ESV)

¹ But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

Peter 3:3–4 (CSB)

³ Above all, be aware of this: Scoffers will come in the last days scoffing and following their own evil desires, ⁴ saying, "Where is his 'coming' that he promised? Ever since our ancestors fell asleep, all things continue as they have been since the beginning of creation."

Matthew 24:12–13 (CSB)

¹² Because lawlessness will multiply, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

II The Loss of Presence and Power

1 The Increase of Cold Hearts

2 _____ (Religious, Cultural, and Political)

- 3 Vengeful _____ (Betrayal and Violence)
- 4 The Breakdown of Biological and Ecological Systems
- 5 The Increase of _____
- 6 A Growing Sense of Isolation
- 7 Increase of thoughts and conversations obsessed with _____.
- 8 The Establishment of _____ Powers
- 9 Loss of Prophetic _____ in the Church
- 10 Shift in the truth of the Gospel Message
- 11 _____ use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit ([Matthew 7:21-23](#))

III Believing Jesus

John 18:36 (CSB)

³⁶ “My kingdom is not of this world,” said Jesus. “If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight, so that I wouldn’t be handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”

Luke 10:9 (CSB)

⁹ Heal the sick who are there, and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near you.’

Luke 10:19 (CSB)

¹⁹ Look, I have given you the authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; nothing at all will harm you.

Matthew 10:7–8 (CSB)

⁷ As you go, proclaim, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

Luke 9:1–2 (CSB)

¹ Summoning the Twelve, he gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases.

² Then he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

2 Corinthians 1:10 (CSB)

¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a terrible death, and he will deliver us. We have put our hope in him that he will deliver us again.

Matthew 4:23 (CSB)

²³ Now Jesus began to go all over Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

1 Corinthians 12:7–11 (CSB)

⁷ A manifestation of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good: ⁸ to one is given a message of wisdom through the Spirit, to another, a message of knowledge by the same Spirit, ⁹ to another, faith by the same Spirit, to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another, the performing of miracles, to another, prophecy, to another, distinguishing between spirits, to another, different kinds of tongues, to another, interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ One and the same Spirit is active in all these, distributing to each person as he wills.

Luke 11:20 (CSB)

²⁰ If I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Luke 4:40–43 (CSB)

⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, all those who had anyone sick with various diseases brought them to him. As he laid his hands on each one of them, he healed them. ⁴¹ Also, demons were coming out of many, shouting and saying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah. ⁴² When it was day, he went out and made his way to a deserted place. But the crowds were searching for him. They came to him and tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he said to them, “It is necessary for me to proclaim the good news about the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because I was sent for this purpose.”

John 8:31–32 (ESV)

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:36 (ESV)

³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

- 1 To believe Jesus is to believe in His force of _____ and _____ countering everything we perceive or experience in this world.
- 2 To believe Jesus is to believe Jesus _____ (sets free, heals, and delivers).
- 3 To believe Jesus is to believe for _____ to cast out _____.
- 4 To believe Jesus is to believe for His supernatural _____ in us.
- 5 To believe Jesus, is to believe for _____.

IV **Creating Space for the Presence and Work of Jesus** (As we go through this list of strategic points, ask the Lord to highlight what you need most.)

- 1 Establish a **LUKE 10:1 VISION** in your heart!

- 2 Live in the _____—gather people around the Word and Prayer.

- 3 Discern “closed and open _____” to territories.
 - See **Acts 16:6-7; Mark 6:5-6.**

- 4 Develop a _____ for the lost, hurting, and lonely.

- 5 Sow into the _____.
 - Jesus makes it simple: **Matthew 7:7-8**

- 6 Set-apart the House of God as a _____.

- 7 Prepare and keep the fires burning on the _____ in your life.

- 8 See every negative report as a challenge to your _____.

- 9 Ask for spiritual discernment of _____.

- 10 Believe for _____. Never give up!

- 11 Make _____ a normal part of your life and ministry.