

## **Jesus knew his purpose**

Luke 9:51 NIV

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

## **We can know our purpose**

We have the same purpose Jesus had - building God's Kingdom one life at a time. In preparation for Easter Sunday, we will walk with Jesus to Jerusalem, following the account recorded in the gospel of Luke. We will experience the life changing power of sharing his purpose. We will learn the fine art of knowing why we're here.

## **Jesus Sends Seventy-Two**

Luke 10:1-20 NIV

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

## **Sermon in a Sentence:**

Found people find people.

## **How?**

1. The VISION: Huge harvest.
2. The NEED: Workers
3. The FIRST STEP: Pray
4. The NEXT STEP: Go!
5. The NEXT NEXT STEP: Look for "persons of peace"

## 6. Primary Source of JOY: Relationship

### **A New Point of View**

Are you one of the persons who follows Jesus in your comfort zone? Do you avoid anything that will make you feel insecure and uneasy? Do you sidestep going out of your way to help others find out what knowing Jesus can do for them? It's time for us all to embrace the fact that FOUND PEOPLE FIND PEOPLE. If you follow Jesus, you will follow him in his search for those who don't know him yet.

### **Praying Together**

King Jesus, you are the Lord of the Harvest. Use our words and actions to plant the seed of your truth in many minds and hearts throughout the Tri-Cities. Come like the sun with Your power to warm the soil of those lives. Come like the rain by Your Spirit to water the seed of your truth. Work in and through us to cultivate our community, patiently producing lives marked by Christ's righteousness. Settle Your presence on us, as if You were walking ahead of us, step by step marking out a way of living that abounds with the fruit of Your kingdom. May our celebrations of knowing you be powered by the joy of seeing others come into Your family too. Amen.