**7/9/23 Do We Really Understand God’s Universal Call? Luke 10:1-20**

* When considering ministry most of us go to what Paul tells us as the five-fold ministry gifts given to the church.
* If God is calling you to ministry, the call does not go away, and you will never be satisfied doing anything else.
* Your call will cause your heart to yearn for the ministry to which God has appointed you.
* Jesus knew the disciples vulnerabilities and wanted to keep them focused on the ultimate blessing which is eternity with God in heaven.

**Ephesians 4:11-12**

**1. Jesus supplies us examples.**

* Jesus sent His 12 disciples out with the authority to cast out demons, the power to heal diseases, and the responsibility of preaching the gospel.
* Jesus chose the 70 and sent them on ahead in pairs to all the towns and villages He planned to visit to prepare the way for His final trip.
* Jesus reminds us that the harvest is so great, but the laborers are so few. We should pray to the Lord to send more workers for His fields.
* Jesus sends His disciples to travel with strict instructions to follow and with only the bare necessities, leaving behind the things we would consider necessary.

**Luke 9:1–10; 10:1-9, 11:20; Genesis 11:26; Psalms 90:10; Exodus 24:1; John 4:35-36; Philippians 4:19; 1 Timothy 5:18; 1 Corinthians 10:27; Matthew 6:11, 25-26**

**2. How do you handle rejection in ministry?**

* There will be those that speak against you and try to undercut your ministry. Just know that God will provide!
* Jesus told the disciples not to waste time preaching in places where people had closed minds.
* Before they left, they were to warn those resisting the truth that the Kingdom was going to take place whether they believed in it or not.

**Philippians 4:19; Luke 10:10-16; Acts 13:51; 18:6; Genesis 18:20, 21; 19:5;**

**Matthew 10:15; 11:2**

**3. Complete obedience generally brings good results!**

* Jesus was completely obedient to the Will of the Father and yet He was crucified!
* The evil spirits had recognized the delegated authority of Jesus in the 70.
* The claims of the gospel and the power of Jesus’ name are always threats to the people and places controlled by Satan.

**Luke 10:17-20; Acts 19:13-16; Job 1:6-7; Genesis 3:1,14; Rev. 20:2, 21:27; Acts 28:3–6**