

united kingdom

THE SENDING
OF 72

the Kingdom story from creation to revelation

(Luke 10:1-24)

God's kingdom citizens are made up of those who accept the Good News of the coming Kingdom. Not all will accept the news. What is this Kingdom? It's something wonderful and powerful – it defeats the power of Satan. Kingdom citizens are sent out to share the Good News of the Kingdom – and what Good News it is! Bringing it brings joy!

Introduction

Jesus chooses 72 followers to go ahead of Him in pairs to the towns where He is about to go. There are many who need to hear the message about God's Kingdom but few workers to go. Pray for more workers and go! Don't get distracted on the way.



When you arrive

Enter a house and offer God's peace to them. If they don't receive it, God's peace will not remain. Stay in one place and accept their hospitality.



While you are there

Heal the sick. Tell them that God's Kingdom is coming! Some will accept and some will reject. Those that accept the message are accepting God. Those that reject the message are rejecting God, not you.



When the followers return

They rejoice because even the evil spirits obeyed them when they used Jesus' name. Jesus said, "Yes! Satan is being defeated, and I have given you authority over the enemy. But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you. Rejoice because you are citizens of God's Kingdom. You are seeing what prophets and kings before you longed to see but didn't."



Weekly Meditation and Reflection

Below are some questions and further reading if you would like some extra food for thought on this story. Some may find it helpful to journal the answers, and others may simply want to read and pray through them.

1. Think about your own experience in the “harvest field” in light of this story. Ask yourself the following questions. As you share the message about God’s Kingdom:
 - a. Do you get distracted from sharing the message?
 - b. Do you offer God’s peace?
 - c. When you find someone willing to accept it, do you remain with them – helping them along the way?
 - d. Do you share Truth with them, pray with them and let them know that God’s Kingdom is coming?
 - e. When or if someone rejects the message, do you realise that it’s not you they are rejecting?
2. Here’s the big question: Do you base your own value on whether or not you see results? Or do you recognise that your true value comes from your citizenship in God’s Kingdom?
3. We are on the other side of Jesus. We are on the other side of the prophecies about Him, the waiting for Him, the experience of His death and resurrection. We have seen and experienced things that Adam, Eve, Abraham, David, Isaiah and God’s people from long ago longed to see. We are the fruit of the promises kept. Spend some time rejoicing and praising God for this!

Meditate on the following passages:

- Luke 9:1-6
- Luke 9:23-26, 57-62