

Spending Time with Jesus in Luke 10

Don't forget to invite Jesus to speak to you as you read this week.

First read through: Read Chapter 10 all the way through, imagining you are there.

Second read through: Look for themes and underline them in the color on your key.

What do you notice?

1)

2)

3)

Third read through: Answer questions as you go.

Luke 10:1-16

What story does "two by two" make you think of?

Where is he sending them? Why would he send them to these places? (v. 1-2)

What do you think Jesus meant when he said he was sending these 72 as lambs among wolves?

Why did he tell them to not take a purse or bag or sandals and not to greet anyone on the road? (Remember, since 9:51 the story has changed. Jesus is resolutely heading to Jerusalem.)

What were they to tell both the towns that welcomed them and the towns that didn't?

How would you define "kingdom of God"?

Luke 10:17-24

Read 1 Timothy 3:6b. Paul is telling Timothy what to look for when appointing leaders in the church. He mentions that even they could become _____ just as Satan did.

Jesus is reminding the 72 why Satan was condemned. He's reminding them because they could fall for the same lie. Remember one of the most important themes in Luke is: the proud will be _____, and the _____ will be exalted.

Why should the 72 rejoice?

Is this because of what they have done?

Jesus, full of joy through the _____, praises his Father, the one reigning over _____ and _____ because his Father has revealed these things to _____. He's talking about the 72...and calls them...that!? What is his point?

Luke uses listening/hearing a lot at the end of these sections (v. 16 and 24.) Circle them in green, our color for prayer, since listening and hearing are a big part of it. How many did you find?

What does listening and hearing have to do with being humble little children?

Luke 10:25-37

Is this expert in the law sincerely asking Jesus how he could inherit eternal life? Why do you think that?

What does it mean to justify yourself?

Why does Jesus tell a story with a Samaritan as the good guy?

List all the verbs that show what the characters in Jesus' story did for the beaten man:

Priest

Levite

Samaritan

What word does the expert in the Law refuse to say? Why?

Luke 10:38-42

Whose home is opened to Jesus and his disciples? Does this surprise you? Why?

In their culture, the houses had clearly defined areas. Men conducted business in the main room, which was meant for public use during the day. Women stayed near the fire because they spent so much time cooking and cleaning.

For Mary to be sitting at Jesus' feet means several things, all of which would be shocking to the Jews: 1) she is spending time in the "men's" part of the house, 2) only men training to be rabbis themselves sat at the feet of their rabbi...and there Mary sits as one training to become a rabbi, 3) Jesus welcomes her there.

Hmmm...remember those words you circled earlier? What verbs describe Mary's actions?

A disciple was defined as one who sits at the feet of their rabbi, in other words, to follow them so closely that the dust stirred up as the rabbi walked would rest on them. Being that close, they would hear the rabbi's every word, see every facial movement and non-verbal gesture. They would know how their rabbi lived life, how they treated others, and they would hear their rabbi's teaching over and over so that they would memorize it and be able to quote it.

What verbs are used to describe Martha?

What one thing does Jesus say is needed? In other words, what had Mary chosen?

What promise does Jesus make about her choice?

Sit with Jesus and allow him to examine your life. Are you choosing what is best? Is it possible to listen to him and sit at his feet while still doing homework, chores, being with friends, etc.?