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Luke 10:1-12

Jesus Sent Out More Men

1 After this, the Lord Jesus chose 72 more men. He sent the men out in pairs ahead of him into every town and place where he was planning to go. 2 Jesus said to them, "The harvest is great, but there are not many workers. Pray that the Owner of the harvest will send more workers out into His harvest field. 3 So, you may go now. But listen, I am sending you like lambs into a pack of wolves. 4 Don't carry a money-bag, a pack, or extra shoes. Don't stop to talk with people along the road. 5 Before you go into a house, say, 'Peace be to this home.' 6 If a peaceful man lives there, then your blessing of peace will stay upon him. However, if he is not peaceful, then your blessing of peace will come back upon you. 7 Stay in that same peaceful house. Eat and drink whatever the people there give you. A worker should be given his pay. Don't move from that house to stay in another house. 8 If you go into a town and the people welcome you, then eat whatever they give you. 9 Heal the sick people who live there. Then tell them: 'The kingdom of God is very near to you!' 10 But, if you go into a town, and the people don't welcome you, then go out into the streets of that town and say: 11 'Even the dust from your town which sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless, know this: The kingdom of God is very near!' 12 I tell you, on the Judgment Day, God will punish the people of that town more than He will punish the people of Sodom!"