

Luke 10:1-4

- ✓ Commonly in ancient days, when a king traveled anywhere, they would send messengers ahead to make accommodations as well as to announce, "The King is coming".
 - ✓ Jesus sends out 70 by twos after sending out the 12 by twos, 35 pairs of missionaries.
 - ✓ These are not special other than they have no reservations about following Jesus.
 - ✓ They followed and denied themselves and allowed Jesus to set the agenda and control of their lives.
 - ✓ In many ways, this group is us. Just committed followers of Christ sent out to tell the world about Jesus.
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1. If we are to be Kingdom Missionaries, we need to know what that entails.

- ✓ The place we start is our motives, what is our motivation for going?
 - ✓ The basis of all effective evangelism is compassion; it is not training, it is compassion.
 - ✓ A heart wrenching concern for the lost is what send us.
 - **Matthew 9:36-37--"Compassion"** – in the Greek language refers to something that hits you in the gut. The Greek root refers to abdominal pain.
 - ✓ Have you ever been so upset that it made you sick to your stomach?; that's the word!
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 - ✓ Jesus wept over Jerusalem because the ache was so profound.
 - ✓ It's His aching over us that is the reason we are here today!
 - ✓ Who's saved today because of your agony? Because of your compassion?
 - ✓ **"Harvest"**; Our next word to understand, it is both good word and a very bad, foreboding word.
 - ✓ The Harvest is the final event: you've sown, planted, tended, watered, protected, fertilized, prayed over, but the harvest is the end of all of that.
 - ✓ Crops last only a season and then that's it. **Matthew 13:30 & 39.**
 - ✓ Knowing there is ticking clock for all people, Jesus is wrenched in His gut over it.
 - ✓ We have a mass of humanity moving towards final judgment and we only have a few laborers spreading good seed, watering, and fertilizing. Are you a laborer?
 - ✓ Do you see the problem? Do you feel the urgency? How can we be content to do nothing?
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2. Do you believe in Hell?

- ✓ **"Hell"** is our next word of interest...not in our text but is implied in Jesus' compassion and anguish.
 - ✓ Do you believe in Hell as the final destination for all who do not believe and receive Jesus?
 - ✓ Many don't preach Hell anymore; many don't have it as motivation therefore, but it was Jesus' entire motivation.
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Luke 10: Missionaries of the Kingdom

- ✓ It's the harvest that's the focus not the heat of any given day! it's the final event that's the issue
 - ✓ Salvation saves you from Hell. This season will not last, no season does, everything is headed toward that harvest, and it will be good for some and very bad for others.
 - ✓ Laborers do everything with that harvest in view because the harvest time will come, and when the seasons change we have to be ready and have others ready.
 - ✓ **2 Corinthians 5:10-11**; Do you see the harvest coming?
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3. Motivation leads to action.

- ✓ Pray! Send workers!
 - ✓ It's impossible to ask God to send others without feeling your responsibility to go. "Lord send people" "Lord send me".
 - ✓ **"Go"** With what training? They had been with Jesus, but there is no indication of any particular training.
 - ✓ What did they know? They knew the King and they knew He was coming.
 - ✓ As important as training can be, we need not overcomplicate this: If we know the King and that He's coming we know enough to warn others and persuade them.
 - **2 Corinthians 5:11** – "Knowing the fear of the Lord" – That's not much, but it's enough to be sent out with!
 - ✓ "I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves"
 - ✓ Jesus never lowered the standard of following Him—Deny yourself, die daily.
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4. Action leads to trust.

- ✓ We are feebly equipped, hardly any training, have the seed of the truth, fertilizer of the Word, urgency that sends us to water.
 - ✓ Feels vulnerable, feels ill prepared! Good!, that's exactly where He wants us.
 - ✓ He doesn't want us dependent on our training or resources, He wants us dependent on Him.
 - ✓ You can't make a seed grow or fertilizer to work, you can't make it rain.
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