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Q&A

How many men did Jesus send out to evangelize? What were the men speaking excitedly about when they returned?

Read more about it in Luke 10

A Good News Story

Jesus Sends 72 on Mission

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Once they were on the mountain, Jesus did a lot of traveling so He could speak to as many people as possible about God.

One day, Jesus decided to send 72 of His followers ahead of Him to the communities He planned to visit.

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest,” He said as He split the men into pairs.

Jesus warned His friends that He was sending them “like lambs among wolves.” He also told them they could not carry money bags, sacks or sandals, and told them not to greet anyone along the way.

When they arrived in a town, they were to visit people in their homes.

“Into whatever house you enter, first



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say, ‘Peace to this household.’ If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you,” Jesus said.

Jesus told His friends to stay in one peaceful home only and not move around from house to house. They also were to eat and drink whatever their hosts offered, “for the laborer deserves payment.”

“Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you,

cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The Kingdom of God is at hand for you,’” Jesus continued.

He also told the 72 what to do if they were not welcomed.

“Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, ‘The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you,’” Jesus said. “Yet know this: The kingdom of God is at hand.”

When Jesus finished speaking, the 72 left. When they returned from their missions, they were very excited.

“Lord,” they said, “even the demons are subject to us because of your name.”

Jesus agreed that He did indeed give them great power but warned them not to take pride in it.

“Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven,” He advised.

West Dundee Students Write to Pope, Elgin Students Get Response



Fourth-grade students in Sally Quinlan’s class at St. Catherine of Siena School in West Dundee display letters they wrote to Pope Francis. It was a final activity after reading the book, “Dear Pope Francis,” in which Pope Francis answers letters received from children around the world.

“The students wrote personal letters to Pope Francis asking questions and included beautiful drawings, too,” said Quinlan. “The letters have been sent to the Vatican and they are praying hard now hoping to receive a response from Pope Francis.”



Last year second graders at St. Thomas More School in Elgin wrote letters to Pope Francis. After school closed for the summer, the second graders received a message and Apostolic Blessing in response from the pope.

Puzzle

Complete the sentences below using the hints provided from Luke 10 about the mission of the 72.

1. Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your _____ (verse 17)

2. Whoever listens to _____ listens to me. (verse 16)

3. Behold, I am sending you like _____ among wolves. (verse 3)

4. Do not move about from one _____ to another. (verse 7)

5. I have observed _____ fall like lightning from the sky. (verse 18)

Answers: 1. name; 2. you; 3. lambs; 4. house; 5. Satan