<u>On Mission:</u> Relational Evangelism 9/30/2007

TEXT: Luke 10:1-12

Evangelism for Jesus was introducing people into a relationship, not converting them to a political or religious position.

Four Principles from Jesus' Teaching:

1. It's about <u>genuine</u> relationship.

   There are "people of peace" in your world. Do you know who they are? Have you found them yet? What relationship with Christ will you be able to share?

2. We were to bring Christ into their world.

   We share His peace by bringing His presence. We share His love by accepting them yet wanting more for them. We share His provision through our service to meet their need.

3. Ultimately, we must share the "good news".

   A personal relationship with God is available for you now. How do I know that is true? Let me tell you about my relationship with Jesus.

   What is your personal message?

   What are you "evangelizing"?

4. We are responsible for sharing, not for the results.

   We only quit when they do. "Love never gives up." But when they do, we are not responsible, nor should we feel guilty.

Suggested Reading:

Luke 10; Matthew 28; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
"Becoming A Contagious Christian" by Bill Hybels
"Just Walk Across the Room" by Bill Hybels

Further Questions from our text:

- Why did Jesus send them out two by two? What does that mean for us?
- Why did Jesus tell them to pray? What should we pray? What words would you use?
- Why did Jesus tell them to take nothing with them? What does that tell us about our "evangelism"?
- Jesus said they would be "like lambs among wolves." What is that like? How should we act if are to be the same way?
- Why did Jesus tell them not to stop and greet people on the way? What does that mean to us? How does it change what we are doing now?

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Luke 10:1-11 (NLT)

[1]The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. [2]These were his instructions to them: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. [3]Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. [4]Don’t take any money with you, nor a traveler’s bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don’t stop to greet anyone on the road.

[5]“Whenever you enter someone’s home, first say, ‘May God’s peace be on this house.’ [6]If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. [7]Don’t move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay.

[8]“If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. [9]Heal the sick, and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God is near you now.’ [10]But if a town refuses to welcome you, go out into its streets and say, [11]‘We wipe even the dust of your town from our feet to show that we have abandoned you to your fate. And know this—the Kingdom of God is near!’

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