

LUKE'S GOSPEL WEEK 6 STUDY: THE HARVEST

WARMING UP...

1. Discuss some experiences you have with harvesting

DIVING IN...

READ LUKE 9:57-62

- 2. The excuses that these people give to Jesus seem "reasonable". Why do you think Jesus responds in the way he does here?
- 3. What excuses do you give to God when it comes to risking for Jesus and following the ways of the Kingdom?

READ LUKE 10:1-24

- 4. Jesus' sending of the 72 is framed within the image of workers going to collect the harvest. What other part of Luke's gospel does this bring to mind (e.g. Luke 4 and the Jubilee)?
- 5. The people of peace that Jesus refers to can be viewed as those who are ready to hear the good news of Jesus and the Kingdom. They are ready to be "harvested" for the gospel. What does Jesus say characterises such people? Have you met such people before?
- 6. What does Jesus say should be our response to these people of peace?
- 7. What does Jesus say we should expect from those who are <u>not people</u> of peace?
- 8. Do you think Jesus' response to those who do not accept the gospel message and the disciples harsh? How does it remind us of the crucial importance of the gospel message we carry?
- 9. In verses 17-18 Jesus and the disciples discuss the spiritual power that accompanies every believer who goes in the power of the Spirit in Jesus' name. Do you think we minimise or shy away from such accompanying power when it comes to evangelism? Have you ever demonstrated such physical power from God (I.e. healing)?
- 10. Jesus praises God for the supernatural insight the disciples were given that day. How does this prayer remind us of how blessed we are to be a part of such a time of gospel harvest as we are in today?