

ONEthing series  
Week 1 outline  
8.7.22  
Luke 10:1-20 ESV

## ONE THING NECESSARY

*"but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion,  
which will not be taken away from her."* (Luke 10:42 ESV)

### I. Intro: Knowing the Necessities

- A. Luke chapter 10 is full of people:
  - 1. Making the right choices
  - 2. Giving the right answers
  - 3. Serving the right causes

-Yet all losing sight of the ONE THING that makes it all worth while
  
- C. What happens when we forget the ONE THING?  
WE Aggrandize, Rationalize, and Criticize
  - 1. We become prideful in our own work
  - 2. We rationalize the narrative of our shortcomings
  - 3. We become critical of others around us

### II. Preparing the Way (Luke 10:1-16)

- A. **Appointed and Sent** (vs 1)
  - 1. *"After this"... after what?*  
*"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."*  
-Luke 9:62
  - 2. *"The Lord appointed... and sent"*
    - A community appointed by Jesus
    - A community sent with one another

### B. Called to Go (vs 2-12)

- 1. **Before You Go** (vs 2-3)
  - a- Remember whose fields they are
  - b- Pray like crazy for the Lord to send more workers after you  
-Matthew 9:37-38 reflects the same message
  - c- Know it's not going to be easy
  
- 2. **On Your Way** (vs 4)
  - a- Trust God
  - b. Stay nimble
  - c- Travel light
  - d- Don't get distracted

### 3. When You Arrive (vs 5-12)

- a-Find a person of peace
  - a person prepared in advance by God, who welcomes you in, receives the word, and is positioned to open doors into that community
- b. Eat well- whatever they give you
- c. Work hard- *"heal and tell"*
- d. Stay on message
- e. Expect rejection
- d. Shake it off

1- WHAT HAS JESUS APPOINTED US TO DO?

2- WHERE HAS HE SENT US TO WORK?

3- TO WHOM HAS HE CALLED US TO GO?

### III. Upon Return... (vs 17-20)

A. The 72 returned with joy ...but focused on the power and sidetracked by the spectacular

B. Jesus affirms and graciously corrects...

1. *"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven"*

a- He saw the forces of evil and darkness defeated

-a claim to His ultimate authority, linked to vs19

-AND/OR -

b- He saw satan fall long ago from heaven, and was cast out because of pride

-a claim to His eternal presence, linked to vs 20

2. *"Nevertheless... rejoice that your names are written in heaven"*

a- It's a joy that is restored in repentance - Psalm 51:12

b- It's a joy that is the outcome of faith not works -1 Pet 1:8-9

c- It's a joy that stands in grace and equips us in suffering -Rom 5:2-5

d- It's a joy that cannot ever be taken from us -John 16:22

THE JOY OF SALVATION IS IN THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

### IV. Working as His Workmanship

1. We have been created for work that is good and Godly

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* -Eph 2:10

2. Good work that comes through us is the outflow of Christ's work in us

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."* -Eph 2:8-9

JESUS REDIRECTS AND RECENTERS:

HE REDIRECTS US FROM BEING PRIDEFUL OF OUR OWN WORK

AND RECENTERS US TO BECOME MORE LIKE HIM THROUGH HIS WORK

HE IS THE DIFFERENCE-MAKER