FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

October 30th, 2011

Focal Passage: Luke 10 (KJV)

Mission of the Seventy

Cross References: Many, listed with the questions.

Central Idea: Jesus is sending out 70 disciples to proclaim his Kingdom and work miracles in his name.

Lesson Idea: In our service to Christ we must be faithful to obey and follow Christ whatever the call, whatever the cost. When people reject the message of Christ, they are not rejecting me, they are rejecting Him.

Background: Wycliffe's commentary on the Bible says…

"The Gospel according to Luke is the most complete account of the life of Jesus that has survived from the apostolic age. It was designed to be a full presentation of the career of the Saviour from his birth to his ascension, and was part of a larger work including the book of Acts, which carried the history forward into the missionary activity of the church as far as the establishment of the Christian community in Rome."

Matthew Henry's introduction to the Gospel of Luke says…

"This evangelist is generally supposed to have been a physician, and a companion of the apostle Paul. The style of his writings, and his acquaintance with the Jewish rites and usages, sufficiently show that he was a Jew, while his knowledge of the Greek language and his name, speak his Gentile origin. He is first mentioned in Acts 16:10-11, as with Paul at Troas, whence he attended him to Jerusalem, and was with him in his voyage, and in his imprisonment at Rome. This Gospel appears to be designed to supersede many defective and unauthentic narratives in circulation, and to give a genuine and inspired account of the life, miracles, and doctrines of our Lord, learned from those who heard and witnessed his discourses and miracles."

Bible in a Year Readings
October 23rd, 2011
October 23: John 7-8
October 24: John 9:1-10:21
October 25: Lk 10-11, Jn 10:22-42
October 26: Luke 12-13
October 27: Luke 14-15
October 28: Luke 16-17:10
October 29: John 11
October 30: Lk 17:11-18:14

Highlights of the Week:
John 7: Christ's authority from the Father
John 8: I am the light of the world
John 9: Jesus heals the blind man
John 10: I am the good shepherd
John 11: Christ raises Lazarus
Luke 10: Mission of the Seventy
Luke 11: The Lord's prayer
Luke 12: Many parables

Luke 13: Christ mourns over Jerusalem
Luke 14: Parable of the great supper
Luke 15: Parable of the lost sheep
Luke 16: Parable of the unjust servant
Luke 17:Christ teaches on the second coming
Luke 18: Rich young ruler

Luke 10:1-16

1After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.
2Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.
3Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.
4Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.
5And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.
6And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.
7And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.
8And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:
9And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.
10But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,
11Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.
12But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city.
13Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
14But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.
15And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.
16He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

DISCUSSION:

- What might be the reason for sending out 70 (72 depending on your translation) men? Read Num 11:16. Why would He send them out in pairs?
- Read Matt 9:37-38, John 4:35-38, and I Cor 3:6-9. What term is used to refer to reaching others? What is the greatest need? How well do we respond to it?
- What does Jesus call those who are sent out? Is there any danger in what they were doing? John 15:20, 16:2.
- How is urgency and importance shown about their task in Vs. 4?
- What does the last half of the verse mean? Does this allow us to disregard people when serving God? Explain.
- How were the disciples to conduct themselves? Why was it important that they not go to many different houses?
- Why does Jesus tell them to eat what is set before them? Read I Cor 10:27.
- What was the focus of their message?
- Why do we need to be careful not to offend others when we are sharing the gospel? Read Luke 17:1-2, Rom 14:20, I Cor 10:32, II Cor 6:3, I Cor 9:18-23.
- Will everyone respond properly to the gospel? Read John 15:18-27. What should we do?

- Why symbolic actions were these men to take when the city rejected them? Is this still required? Or was it a special sign to the Jews about their rejection of the Messiah? Read Acts 18:6.
- What did Jesus say about those who rejected them? What did he say about those who receive his messengers? Read John 13:20 and Matt 10:40-42

Luke 10:17-24

17And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.
18And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.
19Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
20Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.
21In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.
22All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.
23And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:
24For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

DISCUSSION:

- What were the disciples excited about when they returned? What things had they been doing? Read Luke 9:1 and 10:9. What were they most excited about?
- What do these verses tell us about how Satan is defeated? Acts 26:18, Col 1:12-14, Rev 12:10-11.
- What were they told that they should be rejoicing about in Vs 20? Were they wrong in what they were rejoicing over, or were they just focusing to much on one area? Why?
- Why should our names being written in heaven be our greatest joy? Read Luke 15:7, 10, 32.
- What did Jesus rejoice in? Why would he rejoice in that?
- Who were the wise and the prudent that God did not reveal Jesus to? Why? Read I Cor 1:26-31.
- What kind of heart is open to the revelation of God? Mark 10:15, Matt 18:3, Lk 18:17, John 3:3-6, Matt 16:17, Jn 9:39. How is the new birth a miraculous event? What does it mean to have a new birth?
- According to Jesus what is a blessing in Matt 13:16, Luke 10:23 and John 20:29?

APPLICATION

- What is the responsibility of the disciples who follow Jesus? To what degree do you follow Jesus (In fulfilling those same responsibilities)?
- When those difficulties come in following Jesus what do you do to keep sharing Christ? What do you do to stay encouraged?
- When was the last time you were used by God? Was your response similar to the disciples in Vs. 17? Share and discuss the reasons for our different responses. What can you do to respond more joyfully next time God uses you?
- Is your name in the book of Life? If so, when was the last time you celebrated that?
- Matt 13:16 talks about hearing being a blessing, what does your Bible reading, your time of hearing look like through the week? What do you do to receive a blessing from God's Word?