



MOVING WITHIN GOD'S PURPOSES

ONE STEP FURTHER
DEVOTIONAL AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Describe your most memorable moving experience. What made your experience so memorable?

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'

Luke 10:1-11 (NIV)

- What might be keeping you from recognizing the opportunities already around you to make Jesus known through your words or actions?
- What motivates you as you go through your week? Is it a passion for mission or something else?

- What changes might you see in the world around you if you got on mission?
- What might be the cost for the people around you if you chose instead to live for something else?
- What fears are keeping you from moving more confidently into God's calling for your life?
- What purpose or mission do you feel God calling you to? If you are not sure of your purpose, then what will you do to uncover it?
- What will you be your next step in embracing your purpose or mission and putting it into action?

Final Thought: Just like God used us to change the world for one person over the course of a few short days, God can use you too. Recognize the opportunities that God has put in your life. Identify what it is that He is calling you to do. Don't be afraid of failure, but step out in faith into life of moving within God's purposes. God longs to use each and every person in this room to change the world.

For Further Study

To use this resource, simply select one or two questions from each category below that you think will help your group discussion. Alternatively, you can use these questions and Scriptures in your own personal devotions during the week.

Open

- How do you feel when you complete a difficult task?

Explore

Read Luke 10:1-24

- In what manner were the seventy-two followers sent out? (10:1)
- According to Jesus, why were His followers to pray for more workers? (10:2)
- To what did Jesus liken His followers? (10:3)
- What instructions did Jesus give the seventy-two concerning their departure? (10:4)
- What were Jesus' followers to do about accommodations? (10:5-8)
- What were the seventy-two sent out to do? (10:9)
- To what could unbelieving towns look forward? (10:10-15)
- What did the disciples report upon their return? (10:17)
- What authority did Jesus give His disciples? (10:18-19)
- Why were the seventy-two to rejoice? (10:20)

- What was the Father's pleasure? (10:21-22)
- Who was envious of the disciples? Why? (10:23-24)

Reflect

- What was life like for the seventy-two disciples?
- Which of the jobs done by the seventy-two do we see in action today?
- What instructions has Jesus given you?
- When have you been rejected as a representative of Christ?
- What are the trappings of being "wise and learned"?
- What are the benefits of being like "little children"?
- What can we see and hear about God that the disciples, prophets, and kings could not?

Apply

- This week, how can you observe children to help you understand more of God's revelation?
- When can you set aside time to pray regularly to learn your place among those whom God has sent out?
- Whom else can you encourage in your church or fellowship group to join you in prayer and service?.