

**Note:** *In Chapter 9, Jesus commissioned the twelve apostles to preach the arrival of the kingdom of God, to heal, and to cast out demons. In Chapter 10, in material unique to Luke's gospel, Jesus commissions another 70 disciples to preach and heal. He rejoices when they return and tell him their stories of conversions and healing. The Good Samaritan parable and the visit to Martha and Mary are also found only in Luke's text.*

1. In Chapter 9, Jesus sent the twelve apostles (his “clergy”) to do missionary work. Can we say that Jesus sending the 70 symbolizes the call to believers in general (the “laity”) to be evangelists? Explain. (Luke 10:1-3)
2. Can you think of any reasons why Jesus would send the 70 “in pairs”? (Luke 10:1) *Hint: If you were one of those being sent to strange towns, would you like to have a trusted companion and fellow believer? Could the 70 disciples include married couples?*
3. In sending out the 70, Jesus placed restrictions on them. (Luke 10:4)
  - a. What are some of the restrictions placed on them? (Luke 10:4)
  - b. Can you imagine why he would have made these restrictions, and do you think He was testing their faith in Him?
4. Can you explain why Jesus sees the 70 as “laborers who deserve their pay”? (Luke 10:7-9) What is the “work” for which they get paid?
5. The 70 are to give the same announcement to both welcoming and unwelcoming towns.
  - a. What is this fundamental message and what does it signify? (Luke 10:9, 11)
  - b. How often do we today proclaim—or even mention—this message?
6. Jesus delights in hearing the healing stories of the returning missionaries, but points out to them a higher reason for rejoicing. How would you describe this “higher joy” Jesus puts first? (Luke 10:20)
7. Jesus said, “Many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.” (Luke 10:24)
  - a. Describe what these prophets and kings desired to see and hear that his disciples are seeing and hearing.
  - b. Do you desire to see and hear new things about the kingdom of God?
8. Lawyers like to have strict definitions of their terms. How does the Good Samaritan parable expand and redefine the customary meaning of the term “neighbor”? (Luke 10:36-37)
9. Jesus tells Martha, “There is need of only one thing.” (Luke 10:42) Do you know what that “one thing” is?
10. How do you live the dual roles of Mary and Martha in your life? (Luke 10:38-42)

***If you would like a challenge?***

11. Jesus speaks about sending out “your peace,” when the 70 entered a place, as if “your peace” were a kind of invisible but recognizable “thing.” (Luke 10:5-6) Do you know this experience? Have you ever greeted someone peacefully and “felt” being rejected?