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**Topic**  
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# BIBLE STUDY

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Scripture Lesson: Luke 10:1-24

Key Verses: Luke 10:2,3

Proposition: **Only by following Christ’s timeless guidelines can we effectively evangelize the lost.**

### I. **Evangelism is the ministry of both clergy and laity.** (Luke 10:1)

- A. In Luke 9, Christ calls, equips, and sends out the clergy [His twelve]. (Luke 9:1,2)
- B. In Luke 10, Christ appoints, equips, and sends out the laity [seventy others also] (Luke 10:1)

### II. **Evangelism is dependent upon the intercessory ministries of a praying church.** (Luke 10:2)

- A. The scarcity in the number of our converts is never the result of a shortage in the harvest.
- B. The scarcity in the number of our converts is always the result of a shortage of workers.
- C. Our prayer ministries are the only solution to the shortage of harvest workers.
  - 1. *We must pray to the Lord of the Harvest.*
  - 2. *Only the Lord of the Harvest can send out laborers into His harvest.*

### III. **Evangelism is a serious undertaking and there are great risks involved.** (Luke 19:3,4)

- A. We must not be afraid of those who would persecute us [wolves].
- B. We must not be preoccupied with material things [moneybag, knapsack, nor sandals].
- C. We must not be distracted from our mission by anyone [greet no one on the road].

### IV. **Evangelism is spreading the gospel of the kingdom of God in word, deed and sign.** (Luke 10:5-9)

- A. First, we must give a blessing. (Luke 10:5,6)
  - 1. *If they are worthy, the blessing will stand.*
  - 2. *If they are not, the blessing will return to us.*
- B. Second, we must fellowship and build relationship. (Luke 10:7,8)
  - 1. *We fellowship and build relationships through shared meals.*
  - 2. *We fellowship and build relationships by accepting hospitality.*
- C. Third, we must share the gospel in deed and/or sign. [Heal the sick] (Luke 10:9)
- D. Fourth, we must share the gospel in word. [Say, “The kingdom of God is near you now.”] (Luke 10:9)

- V. Evangelism involves knowing how to respond properly to rejection.** (Luke 10:10-16)
- A. We are to wipe the dust from our feet as a public announcement of their doom. (Luke 10:10-15)
  - B. We are to remind them that the Kingdom of God is near. (Luke 10:11)
  - C. We are not to take their response to the gospel personally. (Luke 10:16)
- VI. Evangelism is accompanied by demonstrations of God's power and authority.** (Luke 10:17-20)
- A. We often rejoice when God uses us supernaturally to overcome demonic power. (Luke 10:17)
  - B. We must be reminded that it is Christ who enables us to evangelize with power. (Luke 10:18-19)
    - 1. *Christ witnessed the expulsion of Satan from heaven.*
    - 2. *Christ gives us authority over all the power of the enemy.*
    - 3. *Christ gives us power to crush serpents and scorpions, so that nothing can harm us.*
  - C. We must know that our salvation is a greater cause for joy than our power over demons. (Luke 10:20)
- VII. Evangelism is made possible by God's grace through His revelation of the truth.** (Luke 10:21-24)
- A. We must rejoice with Christ in how it pleased the Father to reveal the truth of the gospel. (Luke 10:21)
    - 1. *It pleased God to hide the truth from those who think themselves wise and clever.*
    - 2. *It pleased God to reveal the truth to those who are childlike.*
  - B. We must recognize the unique relationship that exists between the Father and the Son. (Luke 10:22)
    - 1. *The Father has given the Son authority over everything.*
    - 2. *No one really knows the Son, except the Father.*
    - 3. *No one really knows the Father, except the Son and those to whom the Son reveals Him.*
  - C. We must thank God for the privilege of knowing and proclaiming Christ's gospel. (Luke 10:23,24)
    - 1. *Prophets and kings have longed to see and hear the gospel we proclaim, but could not.*
    - 2. *Prophets wanted to know more about the salvation they prophesied about. (1Pet. 1:10-12)*
    - 3. *Angels desire to look into the gospel that we preach by Holy Spirit. (1 Pet. 1:12)*