

It Started with Twelve #7
The Joy of Discipleship

Word

Scripture Reference

Luke 10:1-3, 17-20

Sermon Outline

1. A Call to Participate (v. 1-3)
2. Basis of Joy Misplaced in Results and Success (v. 17-20)
3. Basis of Joy Redirected to Our Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ (v. 20b)

Discussion Questions

1. When was the last time you were genuinely happy? What made you happy? What is the difference between happiness and joy?
2. Read Luke 10:1-3. Under what circumstances were the seventy followers of Jesus sent out as advance parties to Samaria and other places (v.1)? Jesus further told them to pray, which is a very important ministry. Why did He tell them to pray for more workers (v. 2)?
3. Jesus reminds us that there are many opportunities to win people to the Kingdom, but the laborers are few. How would you react if God sent you like “lambs among wolves” (v.3)? What does that actually mean? What do you think life was like for the seventy followers?
4. The cycle of discipleship is that the evangelized becomes an evangelizer. What should qualify us as an evangelizer? What are some misconceptions on who should be evangelizing? In what ways are many Christians no longer “fishers of men but keepers of the aquarium?” What should motivate us to be active fishers of men?
5. Read verses 17-20. The seventy returned with joy! They were joyful because they were part of God’s plan. For sure they experienced rejection and all kinds of hardships. But the fact remain that they came back with joy. What gives you joy in serving the Lord?
6. Please read again verse 17. What specific matter mentioned in this verse were they joyful about? What was Jesus’ response in verses 18-20?

7. We should surely be joyful when God uses us in a spectacular way (i.e. The seventy casting out demons), but nothing should beat the fact that our names are written in heaven. Jesus definitely didn’t diminish their successes, but why would He point out to His followers that their joy should not be misplaced in the results of their ministry? What do you think happens when our joy is derived only from our successes or based on present events?
8. Rejoice that your name is written in heaven! In other words, our joy should be based on our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Real joy comes from doing what God wants us to do according to His will. And joy is the surest sign of the presence of God in our lives. What do you think happens when our joy is focused correctly? How has it been evident in your walk with Jesus Christ?

Walk

“Joy is the flag that flies over the castle of our hearts announcing that the King is in residence today.” – William Knight

Could you count the many blessings of being a follower or disciple of Jesus Christ? Thank Him for these blessing with joy in your heart.

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

- Pray for a deeper, more intimate, personal relationship with God. for the summer and anniversary activities.
- Pray for the concerns of each member of your group. • Pray for the STEP classes this quarter to be timely and beneficial to meet the needs and equip the students.
- Pray for all the LifeGroups to solidify as authentic Biblical community of believers. • Pray for healing of Mrs. Lim, Mrs. Co, EB, Milagros Cortez, Kevin, REC, Ernesto Go, Benito Tan, Margarita Ong, Susie Yu, SL, Segundo Yu, DPT, HT.
- Pray for blessings upon Dr(s). Paul and Christine Tan and all Bible Land Pilgrims.
- Pray for the ongoing preparations