

***Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers***

(A Journey Through the Gospel of Luke)

“The Joy of Being Sent”

Luke 10:1-12

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**Big Idea**

True disciple-makers find their deepest joy not in visible success, but in belonging to Christ and participating in His mission.

**Disciple-Making Focus**

Rejoicing in mission strengthens faithful witness.

**I. Disciple-Makers Rejoice in Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_, Not Their Own  
(vv. 17-19)**

*“Even the demons submit to us...” (Luke 10:17)*

*“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.” (Luke 10:18)*

**Key Truth:**

Disciple-makers rejoice when Christ’s power works through ordinary people.

**II. Disciple-Makers Rejoice More in \_\_\_\_\_ Than Success  
(v. 20)**

*“However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:20)*

**Key Truth:**

The deepest joy of disciple-making flows from being saved, not from seeming successful.

**II. Disciple-Makers Rejoice in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
Others In (vv. 21-24)**

*“I praise you Father... because you have hidden these things...” (Luke 10:21)*

*“Blessed are the eyes that see the things you see!” (Luke 10:23)*

**Key Truth:**

The joy we receive in Christ is meant to multiply through witness.

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## Small Group Questions — Week 12

**Series:** *Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers*

**Week 12 Title:** *The Joy of Being Sent*

**Text:** Luke 10:17–24

### Start Here — Reflective Question

What is something you’ve done that brought you deep joy—not because of recognition, but because you knew it mattered?

(Allow a few moments for people to share briefly.)

### Read the Passage

Have someone read one or more of the following sections aloud before discussion:

- Luke 10:17–19 (The seventy-two return with joy)
- Luke 10:20 (Rejoice that your names are written in heaven)
- Luke 10:21–24 (Jesus rejoices in the Father’s revelation)

### Discussion Questions

#### 1. Joy in Christ’s Power — Luke 10:17–19

The disciples return celebrating what God did through them.

What do you notice about their excitement?

Why do you think Jesus affirmed their joy, but also redirected it?

Where have you seen God work through you in ways you didn’t expect?

How does remembering that the power belongs to Christ—not us—change how we engage others spiritually?

#### 2. Joy Rooted in Salvation — Luke 10:20

Jesus says:

*“Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*

Why do you think Jesus shifts their focus from ministry success to salvation?

Why is it easy to tie joy to results, performance, or visible fruit?

What does it look like to root your joy in belonging to Christ rather than outcomes?

#### 3. Joy in Revelation — Luke 10:21–24

Jesus rejoices that the Father reveals truth to the humble.

What stands out to you about Jesus rejoicing here?

Why do you think humility and childlike dependence matter so much in following Jesus?

How has God revealed truth to you over time in ways you may not have recognized before?

#### 4. When Mission Feels Discouraging

Sometimes sharing our faith feels fruitful.

Sometimes it feels difficult.

How does this passage encourage perseverance when you don’t see immediate results?

How can joy strengthen faithfulness in seasons when ministry feels slow or hard?

#### 5. Heart Check

The sermon highlighted three sources of joy:

- Joy in Christ’s power
- Joy in salvation
- Joy in participating in God’s mission

Which of these speaks most to where you are right now?

Where might God be inviting you to recover joy in following Him?

### Disciple-Making Connection

The sermon emphasized:

**Joyful disciples make compelling witnesses.**

How does joy make the gospel attractive?

Who in your life might need to see not only your faithfulness—but your joy in Christ?

What is one simple way you could engage someone spiritually this week with prayer, encouragement, or conversation?

### Close Together

Pray that God would:

- Restore joy in following Jesus
- Root your identity more deeply in His grace
- Give you courage to participate in His mission
- Help you become a joyful witness who points others to Christ

Ask God to help your group experience the joy of being sent.