

Jesus Magnified

Luke 10

Lesson 9

FIRST DAY: Read Luke 10

With so many things beckoning for our attention in this twenty-first century, it is often hard to keep our priorities straight. These days we have cell phones, computers, and a myriad of concerns demanding our attention. In this atmosphere, how can we prioritize the things of God?

It might seem as if people in biblical times had less competing for their attention, but that was not the case. The truth is they also dealt with distractions; although they were different than many of ours, at the core, the cares of life had the propensity to also distract them.

In Luke 10 we see different groups of people overly occupied with nonessentials. The seventy disciples, returning from ministering throughout Israel, were focused on their authority over demons. A lawyer who approached Jesus was so overly attentive to the law, he couldn't distinguish who his neighbor was. Then there was Martha, who was distracted away from Jesus' presence by household chores. In every one of Jesus' interactions with these individuals, He reminded them of what is most essential to God. As we study Luke 10, we also will be reminded of what the most important issues of life are.

Ask God to rivet your focus and heart on the things that really matter.

SECOND DAY: Read Luke 10:1-16

1. In Luke 9 Jesus instructed and sent out *His twelve disciples*. What did *the Lord* do *after these things*? Luke 10:1
2. As Jesus instructed these *seventy* disciples, He compared the salvation of lost souls to a *harvest*. From Luke 10:2 record and remark on Jesus' teaching concerning:
 - a. The *harvest*

b. The *laborers*

c. Prayer

3. Use Jesus' instructions in Luke 10:3–12 to note and comment on how the *seventy* were to:

a. Go out (verses 3–4)

b. *Enter* a house for lodging (verses 5–7)

c. Conduct themselves when received (verses 8–9)

d. Conduct themselves when **not** received (verses 10–12)

(1) Why do you think Jesus gave His disciples these instructions?

4. Use Luke 10:13–15 to remark on the *woe* Jesus pronounced over:

a. Chorazin and Bethsaida (verses 13–14)

b. Capernaum (verse 15)

5. What did Jesus say to His disciples in Luke 10:16?

a. How does this verse minister to you?

THIRD DAY: Read Luke 10:17-24

1. According to Luke 10:17, *the seventy returned with joy*. What was their report?

a. Observe Jesus' response in Luke 10:18. Use Isaiah 14:12-15 to explain what Jesus referred to.

2. Use Luke 10:19 to describe the *authority* Jesus gave these disciples.

3. *Nevertheless*, according to Luke 10:20 what were the disciples:

a. **Not** to rejoice in

b. *Rather* rejoice in

(1) Why do you think this is such a vital perspective to have?

4. What was Jesus' response to the reports of the disciples? Luke 10:21a

a. The Greek word for *rejoiced* means *thrilled with joy*. What does it mean to you to know that Jesus rejoices in using your life?

5. Why was Jesus thankful to God the Father? Luke 10:21b

a. Link this with 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 and share your thoughts.

6. From Luke 10:22 describe the relationship between Jesus and His Father.

7. According to Luke 10:23-24, why were these disciples *blessed*?

a. Link this with Hebrews 11:13 and 1 Peter 1:10-11 to remark further on this blessing.

8. From your study today, cite a few of the essential things believers should remember.

FOURTH DAY: Read Luke 10:25–28

1. Note what a *certain lawyer* (an expert in the Mosaic Law) did at that time. Luke 10:25

- a. How did Jesus respond? Luke 10:26

2. Fill in the blanks using the lawyer's answer from Luke 10:27:

You shall _____ the LORD your God with _____
_____, with _____, with _____
_____, and with _____, and your
_____.

- a. The *lawyer* quoted God's commandment from Deuteronomy 6:5. Why do you think this commandment is essential?

- b. What do you see as the most difficult aspect of this commandment?

3. What was Jesus' response to this *lawyer*? Luke 10:28

4. Write a short prayer asking God to work His love into you.

FIFTH DAY: Read Luke 10:29–37

1. In Luke 10:29, after answering Jesus’ question, the *lawyer* wanted to *justify himself*. So he asked Jesus, *And who is my neighbor?* Jesus responded with a story known as the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Use this story in Luke 10:30–35 to record your observations about each of the following:

	PERSON	SITUATION OR RESPONSE	OBSERVATIONS
Verse 30			
Verse 31			
Verse 32			
Verses 33–35			

- a. Samaritans and Jews generally hated each other (John 4:9). Why would this make Jesus’ parable so challenging?

- b. How does this challenge you? See also Matthew 5:44.

2. After finishing His parable, Jesus asked the lawyer, *Which of these three do you think was neighbor to him?* (Luke 10:36a). Record the unmistakable answer from Luke 10:37a.

a. Then what did Jesus tell the lawyer to do? verse 37b

3. Based on what Jesus taught, who is your *neighbor*?

a. Share a way you would encourage someone to *go and do likewise*.

SIXTH DAY: Read Luke 10:38–42

1. Then Jesus *entered a certain village*, which we know from John's Gospel was called Bethany. Use Luke 10:38–39 to discover and record the activity of each sister:

a. Martha

b. Mary

2. What happened to Martha? Luke 10:40a

a. List a few of the things that distract you.

(1) Take a moment to commit these distractions to Jesus.

3. In your own words, record Martha's complaint to Jesus. Luke 10:40b

