



*For Such a Time as This*

## A Bible Study on God's Call in Your Life

You can watch Pastor Andy's introduction to this story [here](#).

### The Seventy

"Joy is the overriding emotion in this chapter of Luke (just as in much of Luke's writings). Responding to a vocation provides a huge sense of purpose in one's life.

How do you cultivate an ethos of security and adventure in your Christian life?

Are there opportunities to get involved in having a go at ministry in your Church?

How might you help foster links between your church and your community?"  
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*Read Luke 10:1-12; 17-21:*

**10** <sup>1-2</sup> Later the Master selected seventy and sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he intended to go. He gave them this charge:

"What a huge harvest! And how few the harvest hands. So on your knees; ask the God of the Harvest to send harvest hands.

<sup>3</sup> "On your way! But be careful—this is hazardous work. You're like lambs in a wolf pack.

<sup>4</sup> "Travel light. Comb and toothbrush and no extra luggage.

"Don't loiter and make small talk with everyone you meet along the way.

<sup>5-6</sup> "When you enter a home, greet the family, 'Peace.' If your greeting is received, then it's a good place to stay. But if it's not received, take it back and get out. Don't impose yourself.

<sup>7</sup> "Stay at one home, taking your meals there, for a worker deserves three square meals. Don't move from house to house, looking for the best cook in town.

<sup>8-9</sup> "When you enter a town and are received, eat what they set before you, heal anyone who is sick, and tell them, 'God's kingdom is right on your doorstep!'

<sup>10-12</sup> “When you enter a town and are not received, go out in the street and say, ‘The only thing we got from you is the dirt on our feet, and we’re giving it back. Did you have any idea that God’s kingdom was right on your doorstep?’ Sodom will have it better on Judgment Day than the town that rejects you.

<sup>17</sup> The seventy came back triumphant. “Master, even the demons danced to your tune!”

<sup>18-20</sup> Jesus said, “I know. I saw Satan fall, a bolt of lightning out of the sky. See what I’ve given you? Safe passage as you walk on snakes and scorpions, and protection from every assault of the Enemy. No one can put a hand on you. All the same, the great triumph is not in your authority over evil, but in God’s authority over you and presence with you. Not what you do for God but what God does for you—that’s the agenda for rejoicing.”

<sup>21</sup> At that, Jesus rejoiced, exuberant in the Holy Spirit. “I thank you, Father, Master of heaven and earth, that you hid these things from the know-it-alls and showed them to these innocent newcomers. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way. (*The Message Translation*)

- What part of this passage particularly sticks out to you? Why do you think that is?
- When have you ever thought that “the harvest is too big” and “we need more hands?” How did that experience end up?
- Think of a time when you have travelled light. How was that for you?
- Think of a time when you were rejected. How was that for you?
- If we were to follow just this passage, what would evangelism look like?

**Prayer:** *Lord, enable your church to be the safe harbour as we search and explore a vocation in life and in ministry.*

*Help it to be the lighthouse too, enabling us all to navigate our lives with skilfulness and joy, risking an adventure in Christ as we follow his leading, believing against the odds that we will discover the vitality of a new vocation.*

*Amen.*

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