



Jesus is raising new partners for the task ahead

Jesus' mission demands all of us in partnership (v.1-2)

"The Lord appointed seventy-two others, and He sent them ahead of Him in pairs to every town where He Himself was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Jesus sends us to find the people of peace (v.3-6)

"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace,' to this household. If a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on him. But if not, it will return to you."

Jesus sends us to form deep, lasting relationships with them (v.7)

"Remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they offer...Don't move from house to house."

Jesus' initiates transactions that lead to transformation (v.8-9)

"When you enter any town, and they welcome you, eat the things set before you. Heal the sick who are there, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God has come near you.'"

Jesus expects us to do right by those we can reach (v.10-12)

"When you enter any town, and they don't welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'We are wiping off the dust of your town that clings to our feet as a witness against you. Know this for certain, 'The Kingdom of God has come near...'"

Bottom Line: Jesus doesn't talk about discipleship without going, helping, and transforming others.

The Call for us:

1. Crosspoint must embrace the ministry that's been given to us.

The Call to you:

1. Build lasting relationships with your persons of peace in your 3 places
2. < Clear call to Care Portal after meeting 2/27 > crosspointonline.com/outreach

Do you notice the notes of partnership in the text?
What are all the partnerships in just these 2 verses?

How complete is your participation in God's work?
When the Bible uses 70 or 72, it's a number of completeness. Here, it's complete representation of Israel. Does Crosspoint or your group have a "complete representation" involved in God's work?

What's the response of a person of peace?
You could do further study on this term as well, but what do you see in the text? Especially vv.3-6, 8-11.

How deep are your relationships with the town we live in? Jesus had an urgent, 3-year mission on earth, yet He's decidedly local and slow in His focus here. Are you doing all you can and should in this place you are currently planted?

How have you viewed the gospel and transactions? How can you accept Jesus' approach here in your daily life and work?

How does Jesus' approach rub you the wrong way? How does it energize you to serve with Him? What's the greatest challenge for you in this?

Based on this simple description: are you a disciple or something else? What needs to change?

What did you learn as you watched the video from Patrick Henry's Care Portal? What did you want to do about it?

What do we all need to do, as partners, to see Crosspoint embrace this mission in Jesus' way?

Decide your plan now: how will you identify these persons of peace, how will you intentionally build relationships, and how will you do right by these people that you can reach?

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UNDERSTANDING A PASSAGE

What details stand out?

What's repeated in the text?
What's contrasted or compared?
What's odd or confusing?
Notice any extra descriptive words:
how do they shape the meaning?

What's the central idea?

What was the author saying here?
How is the author building this idea?
Who was this written for? What did they hear?
How is that different from what we hear or do?

What's the clear take-away?

A clear command to obey or sin to address? An example to avoid or imitate? A clear promise, or one of God's characteristics to count on and meditate on?

REFLECTING ON A PASSAGE

What truth about God am I seeing?

How does He reveal Himself in this passage? What can I learn about who He is or what He does? How has the Church understood this over the centuries?

How did God intend His people to respond?

In this passage, how did people respond to Him or what He did? How should they have responded? What was this text supposed to produce in them?

So how should I respond?

What should this move us to do together? What should this move me to do then?

APPLYING A PASSAGE

What do I need to...

...step into?

How have we avoided this truth? What do we need to do now to conform to it? Where do I not evidence belief or obedience to this?

...surrender?

How do I need to trust God and walk forward? What do I need to accept and trust God with? What do I need to give up? What cost do I need to embrace?

be accountable to change?

How will I know when I've made a change? How can others challenge me if I don't progress? How can others remind and encourage me to continue?

...share?

Can I encourage anyone with this? Challenge anyone? Can I bring truth or hope to someone?

GET THE CONVERSATION STARTED

What stood out?

What stayed in your mind afterward? Why did that stand out? Was it unsettling? Encouraging? Challenging? What does that make you want to do?

What was confusing?

What could we clarify together? What does Scripture say about that?

What would change if we really believed this?

What would we do differently? How would we pray differently? Relate to God? How would we treat others? What about people who are and are not-yet following Jesus? How would we engage family, work, free time?