

# Lessons from the Limited Commission

(Luke 10:1-12)

- Introduction:
1. For many years it was the tradition in the school of preaching to end chapel service every day with the song, "The Gospel Is For All."
  2. However, there was a time when God reached out to the Jews first, then to the Gentiles (Romans 1:16).
  3. Today's lesson is centered around what is called the limited commission, and several lessons we can learn from it.

## I. We Should Pray For Laborers

- A. (Luke 10:2).
- B. It's interesting that it was laborers Jesus said to pray for, and not the lost.
- C. Could it be that Jesus knew that "recruiting" laborers might be a greater problem than converting the lost?

## II. Evangelism Is Hard Work

- A. (Luke 10:1-3).
- B. Sent out as lambs among wolves (v. 3).
- C. Maybe that's why he sent them out two by two (v. 1).

## III. Evangelism Demands Our Support

- A. (Luke 10:4-8).
- B. Jesus expected them to be cared for while on this mission.
- C. (Matthew 10:10) The worker is worthy of his hire.
- D. If we cannot go in "person," we can go in "purse."

## IV. We Cannot Allow Rejection To Derail Us

- A. (Luke 10:10-12).
- B. Shake the dust off and move on.
- C. Don't take it personally; they're rejecting God, not you.

- Conclusion:
1. For those who reject the the gospel, Jesus said it will be more tolerable in the day of Judgment for Sodom than for them.
  2. If that is the case, think of the implications of rejecting the gospel in Knoxville, TN?