

Mission, discipleship, church planting (Luke 9:1-10:24)

1. Mission and the person & Cross of Christ go together
 - a. Notice the structure of this section of Luke: Sending – Death – Transfiguration – Death – Sending
 - b. The most important thing missionaries need to know is the identity and mission of Jesus
2. The person & words of Jesus go together
 - a. 9:26
 - b. 9:35
 - c. 10:16
3. Mission and discipleship go together
 - a. 9:57-62 – following = proclaiming the Kingdom
 - b. The missionaries themselves still have much to learn – 9:33, 40-41, 45-56
4. The content of mission is the gospel
 - a. 9:2, 6 – proclaim Kingdom = proclaim gospel
 - b. What do we think about demons? 9:1, 37-43; 10:17-20 – reality but not the focus; deliverance is through the gospel¹
 - c. Healing and feeding as sign of Kingdom and reverse of the curse (9:1, 11; 10:9, 19), indicator of importance of the body, but not part of the great commission (24:47).
 - d. Priority & emphasis on what is *said* - the gospel of peace – 9:2, 6, 11; 10:4-5 cf. 2:14.
 - e. Receiving Jesus and his words – 9:48, 52-53; 10:16
 - f. Flexible on many cultural things (10:8) but rock solid on the gospel (9:26) and gospel urgency (10:4)
5. The means of mission is the house church
 - a. 9:4; 10:5-7² (cf. Luke 10:38; 14:12-14;³ 19:5; Acts 2:46; 10; 16:15, 34; 18:7; 21:8)
 - b. Be suspicious of crowds – 9:18, 23, 37-43 – all through Luke crowds are of dubious value and more often fickle and unfaithful; Jesus often says hard things to the crowds (cf. *Purpose Driven Church* focus on attracting a crowd)
 - c. Important to have a solid ecclesiology⁴
 - d. Important to understand the local church as the agent and result of the great commission (Acts 11; 13)
6. The vulnerability and danger and costliness of mission

¹ See [Eph. 2:1-10 – Gospel deliverance](#). Also need to be very careful in discerning what is medical/psychological and what is spiritual and what is a mixture of the two. The agenda of the devil is to snatch away the Word (Luke 8:12), to distract from the Cross of Christ (Luke 4:1-13; Mark 8:31-33), to corrupt doctrine through deceptive true-joy-sapping lies (1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Thess. 2:9-10) and to lead people away from devotion to Christ (2 Cor. 11:3) – that is the real battleground of spiritual warfare.

² This concept of finding a 'Son of Peace' is a core part of the model practiced by the CityTeam church planting movement described in Jerry Trousdale, [Miraculous Movements](#). It is unclear whether a 'Son of Peace' means simply someone who is peaceful (cf. Mark 3:17) and willing to receive Christians and willing for there to be a Bible study in their house (e.g. a Muslim who is 'open' and hospitable) or it could mean someone who is a son of God (i.e. a Christian, e.g. a new convert like Lydia in Acts 16).

³ Completely subverting cultural norms of hospitality.

⁴ The church as the people purchased by Christ (Titus 2:11-14) for the display of his glory (Eph. 3:21); the place where the Word of God is preached and the sacraments are correctly administered; plurality of godly eldership (1 Tim. 3); outward-looking and interdependent on other churches.

- a. 9:3, 23, 58-59
 - b. 10:3 – “Mission is not for cowards”
7. The results of mission are in God’s hands
- a. Cf. Purpose Driven Church: ““It is my deep conviction that anybody can be won to Christ if you discover the key to his or her heart... the most likely place to start is with the person’s felt needs” (p. 219).
 - b. Rejection - 9:5; 10:13-15
 - c. Harvest - 10:2
 - d. Son of peace – 10:6 cf. 3:8
 - e. The revealer – 10:21-22
8. Missionaries are to be kingdom-minded
- a. 9:49-50
 - b. 10:2 – [missionaries praying for raising up of missionaries](#)
9. Missionaries are to be rejoicing in the right thing
- a. 10:19-20
 - b. Not numbers or power evangelism
10. The most important thing: Luke 9:44