

[00:00:00] Speaker A: Jesus, I want to thank you so much for who you are to us. Thank you for your.

Oh, you're just such an incredible king and Lord, thank you for your presence here. And we just want to invite you, Jesus, and we invite you, Holy Spirit, to minister to our hearts, to stir the things that need to be stirred, to change our minds, and to deposit your truth inside of us so that we leave here with all that you.

[00:00:25] Speaker B: Want us to receive this morning, God.

[00:00:27] Speaker A: We want to be transformed and changed and molded and shaped from glory to.

[00:00:31] Speaker B: Glory continually by you. And so we just want to say.

[00:00:34] Speaker A: Come and have your way in us this morning, Jesus.

[00:00:37] Speaker B: Amen.

[00:00:39] Speaker A: Amen. So before we dive in, I just want to kind of have a bit of a laugh about so being sent out by Jesus. I mean, I don't know what your experience has been of, like, mission or outreach, but for me, I first. One of the first times I went out on the streets, I was 19 years old.

I was not who I am today. So I was. No one believes that I was actually a shy person, but I used to be quite shy. And I have video footage that proves it. But yeah, anyway, I was in Coventry.

I was in Coventry, age 19. And we were to go out door to door, knocking on doors, giving out the Jesus film. And this is what we were met with.

Signs that said, stop. No salespeople, no cold calling, no canvassers, no religious groups, no junk mail, no flyers. So not very welcoming. This was up on every door that we knocked on. And I was slightly petrified not knowing what I would be on the receiving end of should anyone answer the door, given the messages that were on display. So thankfully, not many people did answer the door, which I was actually quite pleased by. And that repeatedly happened, happened all the way down this very, very long street of, like, terrace housing. And I do remember that we had. I think we gave a one or two. I do remember this older gentleman that we gave a one film to. But not. Not the most incredible experience of my life.

And definitely very much felt like doing it in my own strength. And I didn't feel like I had very much.

And then fast forward to today.

So in December, I was in Brazil and we went on a treasure hunt or outreach to the mall that they had there. And what we did before we went was he asked Holy Spirit for clues, like treasure hunt clues or words of knowledge before we went. And one of the words that my roommate had was an item of clothing that was yellow. Now, if you're in my small group, you'll have Heard this story, so sorry you're hearing it again.

But we then saw a shop where they were selling pillows and duvets, et cetera. And the people worked there had yellow polo shirts on. So I was like, look, yellow, let's go.

So off we went. And one of the, some of the other words of knowledge we had were curly hair and glasses. And I had the name Roberta. Now the woman next to me with curly hair and glasses with was called Roberta. So she was completely blown away that she was God's treasure. It turned out actually she was a Christian which was even more amazing. And she just got wrecked by how much God loves us her that she would send us from all over the world to come and meet her. So we prayed for one of her family members, I think it was a sister and brother in law had a baby in the womb that wasn't feeding properly and they were going to have to probably deliver it early. And it was very, very, very premature and it was quite dangerous. So she'd asked us to pray for that and other lady, the guy in the front there on the team, I won't try and pronounce his name, he's from the Czech Republic and it's difficult to pronounce. He had a word of knowledge for lungs. Now the lady next to him there, she's called Teresa. And she said, oh, I have emphysema. So we prayed for her, her breathing improved. She said that she had no pain and she felt like her lungs had opened up more fully. And then she said, and all of my back pain has gone. And we were like, what? And she said, yeah, I hurt my back carrying a heavy box lifting things in the shop. And we didn't even know she had back pain. So what a difference from door knocking to being led by the Holy Spirit. And actually we had so much fun. We came out of there like buzzing, so excited at what Jesus had done, just following his lead. She was a Christian as well and they were both completely blown away by what God did. So amazing.

So today just there's my experience, some of my experiences recently and a long time ago of what outreach can look like. But today we're going to look at how it was for the 70 or 72, so 72 disciples in Luke's gospel. So to start off with, we see this after this, The Lord appointed 72 others and sent them on ahead of him. And so I just was like, I hit pause and I thought after this, after what? So I just want to remind you that. What is it after so in Luke 9, Jesus has sent out the 12.

He's fed the 5,000 with five loaves and two fish.

And then as Tim unpacked last week, Peter confessed Jesus as the Christ. And then he told them to be shush, don't tell anyone, and then kind of casually slipped out that he was going to die and be raised again three days later, which none of them seemed to.

Well, we don't read an account that they even clocked that Jesus teaches about taking up your cross daily and following him. The transfiguration happens. Jesus casts a demon out of a boy that the disciples weren't able to.

The disciples argue about who's the greatest. Quite a busy chapter. The disciples argue about who's the greatest. A Samaritan village rejects Jesus. And then James and John ask him, like, do you want us to call down fire on these people? And he's like, no.

And obviously rebuke.

And then at the end of Luke, which is the specifically bit I think that this Luke 10 is kind of fallen on from, was when we see the paragraph summary of the section that's called the Cost of Following Jesus, where, you know, there's different examples. Well, I'm just going to do this. Well, you know, come and follow me. Oba, Oba, Oba. And so then this is where we dive in. So just to give you an explanation of the. After this. So after this, the Lord appointed 72 others and sent them on ahead of him two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way. Behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no money, bag no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.

Whatever house you enter first say, peace be to this house. And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you and remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide for the labourer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter town, and they receive you, eat what is set before you.

Oh, here we go. Heal the sick in it. And say to them, the kingdom of God has come near to you. But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless, know this, that the kingdom of God has come near. I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. So what we're going to do this morning is I'm just going to highlight a few things from these bits of Luke 10, and then we're going to move on to the other parts of Luke 10. So we're going to look at verses all the way up to verse 20. So I've got some nice highlights. There's my AI image of what does a happy, smiling Jesus send out 72 men who don't have the same face look like? So you're welcome. It's amazing. You have to be very descriptive. You want AI to make you an image.

So, okay, so we're just gonna dive in and kind of like pull apart a little bit verse by verse, what Luke 10 is all about. And then I want us to look at sort of kind of how Jesus might have felt, how the disciples might have felt, and then what does that.

[00:08:43] Speaker B: Mean for our lives?

[00:08:44] Speaker A: Is that okay?

Okay, so first of all, 72 others. So to me, that sounds like these were not. The 12 weren't included in this. So not part of this mission. They were sent out two by two, so in pairs.

Which really, for me, just reaffirms the fact that we need to do this together. We're on a mission as a family together. And I love Ecclesiastes, which says, Ecclesiastes 4, two are better than one because they have a good reward for their labor.

For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. Like, that's exactly what happens when you go out two by two. Having someone there to cheer you on is really helpful. So Jesus sent them out ahead of.

So I actually was like, oh, I kind of think I've missed that. I'd missed that. So it was actually places that he himself intended to go. So really they were preparing the way for his arrival.

And actually we don't get to hear, you know, I guess I put the question mark of where all those places were and what Jesus did after this. I put that into the realm of if all of the books in the whole world were written about every single thing, there wouldn't be enough space in the world for everything that Jesus did.

So given the urgency, I guess, of this plentiful harvest that Jesus is talking about, I guess I kind of expected that he would have been like, right, come on, hurry up. On you go, quick, quick, the harvest is ready. Go. And quickly tell people that is not his priority. The first thing he wants them to do is to pray.

So important for us and for them that actually they prayed first. So I just imagine they had like a big prayer meeting before they went anywhere. We don't know how long it lasted.

And I think the other thing I realized about my life is that when I pray for more people, I need to be willing to say, yes, I'm part of that. Be willing to be the answer yourself, and also letting God

use me. So I'm sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. I mean, that is not really the kind of thing I would say to anyone if I was trying to get them to go on outreach. I mean, not really a particularly encouraging thing to be, you know, putting out there for people to be like, yes, I'm so excited about this.

But that's how Jesus did it.

And he told them to carry no money, no knapsack, no sandals. Very similar to the instructions that he gave the 12 in Luke 9.

But the point really is the same in both instances that actually Jesus doesn't want them to be. He wants them to be fully trusting in God to provide for them, which is definitely a lesson we can all keep learning for ourselves. And actually not to be weighed down, literally weighed down by their possessions, because they weren't anything with them.

So greet no one on the road. In other words, don't be distracted by having a blather with your neighbors or your family or people en route.

And actually, I think what I realized this isn't Jesus isn't calling people to be rude here. Actually, what he is calling them to do is to not to be sidetracked by what he's asked them to do.

And the message of the mission he sent them on really heal the sick in that town they were in, and to say to them, quite simply, the kingdom of God has come near to you.

And so then we see this very interesting phrase, whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, really what Jesus, I guess, was preparing his disciples for was to be rejected.

Because not everybody, as we all know, not everybody wants to hear about Jesus.

And actually, we just had in Luke 9, the Samaritan village that has completely rejected him. So he is really just preparing them to expect similar treatment.

And then there is this phrase about the dust clinging to their feet, that they were to wipe it off. Now, Jesus actually gives similar instructions in both Matthew 10 and Mark 6, really the same instruction that they've to shake the dust from their feet as a testimony against that place, which for us we probably don't quite understand the significance. So I'm going to try and explain, like, what was going on here. We see it again actually with Paul and Barnabas in Acts 13:51. But shaking the dust off your feet was actually a Jewish custom.

When the Jews returned, you know, from Gentile lands to Israel, they would shake the dust off their feet, feet to like, avoid defiling the Holy Land with what for them was pagan soil. So that was the explanation, that was the. The custom of the time. But really what Jesus was having them do here would be what I would describe, I guess, as like, not just a physical.

Like a kind of prophetic physical act, but also like a spiritual act because, you know, they were fulfilling what they were called to do, declaring the gospel, proclaiming who Jesus was. And actually the responsibility of rejecting the message lay with the hearers, not with the disciples. And ultimately those who heard and rejected would be judged by God for their response.

And then we move on to what is called woe to unrepentant cities. I was like, oh, I mean, we could just skip over this bit. I could just not. And I thought, no, we're doing this whole section, so we're going to have a look. Woe to you, Chorazin. Woe to you, Bethsaida. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting

in and sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you and you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven. You shall be brought down to Hades. The one who hears you hears me. And the one who rejects you rejects me. And the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me. So actually in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus kind of starts this exact. That exact same bit as in Matthew 11. But what Jesus says, or what is written it says, then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent.

So really what Jesus is doing here is denouncing their lack of response, the.

[00:15:00] Speaker B: Refusal to change their heart and to.

[00:15:03] Speaker A: Repent, because actually the miracles and demonstrations of the kingdom that were performed, obviously mighty, mighty works, we don't know what they were exactly, all of them, but they actually seem to have had no effect on them and their hearts were hardened. So, I mean, pretty clear and challenging for actually what they were being asked to do and also for them to understand the impact of what shaking or dust off their feet really was all about.

And Jesus Also explains much like we know with Saul. Saul, why are you persecuting me? Actually, what gets done to one of Jesus disciples or one of us is as though it's been done to him.

So that's all I'm going to say about that.

We know we touched upon it. You can dive in more yourself. Dive in more yourself. Okay, let's get to the fun, exciting bit. The 72 returned with joy, saying, lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name. And he said to them, I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Amazing.

[00:16:24] Speaker B: Amazing.

[00:16:25] Speaker A: And I think the thing that I was thinking about with this, I was like, wow, like, if you actually look at the commission which we just had at the start, what he actually asked them to do, when Jesus commissioned the 12, he did specifically say to them in Luke 9:1, he says this, he called the 12 together and he gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases.

But interestingly, he didn't do that with the 72. He just told them to heal the sick and to proclaim the kingdom was at hand. And so no mention of demons in the commissioning. And so my question to myself and to us, and I mean, you can think what you like, but could it be that what happened with the 12, you know, they heard it and thought, right, well, we're going to do the same? I don't know. They obviously watched Jesus cast out demons. He didn't specifically tell them, you've got authority to cast demons out. He told them to heal the sick. And yet that is what they did. So I, I Wonder, was the 12 coming back with all their stories made them be like, well, if they can do it, I can do it. So I'm not sure.

So again, there was a spiritual dynamic to what was happening here.

Jesus saying that he, he saw, like he saw in the spirit essentially what was actually going on as

they went out and advanced the kingdom. So we know Ephesians 6:20 is the verse that says that we don't wrestle against flesh and blood, but against rulers, authorities, cosmic powers over the present darkness.

[00:17:53] Speaker B: And against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

[00:17:55] Speaker A: And so amazingly, actually, Jesus saw in the spirit the impact that the disciples going out, laying hands in the second, declaring the kingdom had come, had on.

[00:18:05] Speaker B: The enemy, which is pretty cool.

[00:18:08] Speaker A: But they weren't to rejoice in that. Jesus was redirecting their. Their joy to the fact that their names are written in heaven.

So there is Luke 10, 1, 20. And I just want us to have a think about Jesus and the disciples and then us.

So we don't know how Jesus felt sending out the 72. We know how he felt when they came back, because the verse that we haven't read is verse 21, where basically it says that he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit. And he starts, like, giving. He has this prayer and he starts thanking the Father.

So we know how he feels at the end, but we don't actually know what Jesus feels at the beginning. It doesn't tell us.

So we don't know. But we could think, we could wonder. And for me, I wonder, you know, was he just like, oh, I hope that the teaching I instilled in them is like, you know, they're going to remember it?

Was he thinking, Gosh, these 72 don't know me as well as the 12 do.

How's this going to go? I mean, for me, also, huge amounts of trust in the Father and the Holy Spirit that he's. He's, you know, he didn't say, all authority has been given on you go. What he said was, heal the sick, you know, declare the kingdom has come. So huge amounts of faith. Was he excited? I like to think that he was excited being like, oh, come on, like, all these other people are getting to do this now, too, not just me. Was he thinking of the day where, you know, he would have died and been resurrected and Holy Spirit would be poured out and that, you know, all of us would get to do this? Was he thinking, oh, here we go. This is just the start. Wait till they, you know, wait till we get to the Book of Acts. We don't know.

But actually, I think what is incredible is just the huge amounts of trust that he gave them and put in them, and also the same. The huge trust that he gives us and puts in us as his representatives on the earth is pretty amazing.

So. Yeah, amazing. And then the 72 themselves, I think for me, there's probably, like, two kind of things I would think about, like, how did they feel? Like, there's. For me, there's like the practical aspects and then the kind of specific mission aspects. So practical aspects. I mean, we read it, you know, I'm sending you as lambs amongst wolves. Are they, like, were they in any way, like, concerned for their physical safety or they're thinking, oh my goodness, we're going to get beaten up or someone's going to steal from us. But then they're like, oh, well, I'm not going to have any money anyway. So there's nothing they can take.

What was going through their heads, we don't know.

But really what they, you know, the take, nothing with you as well, was really just walking fully by faith, like completely reliant on him and not on themselves. Then, you know, remain in the same house. That was like, okay, we're not going to get to shop about, we're not moving from place to place. So they had no idea what they were going to get.

You know, no airbnb, no photos for deciding the complete question mark and unknown of the accommodation.

And then obviously they eat what is set before you. Now, I would be heeding that thinking, right, okay, well, that means I'm going to get some food because I've to eat what's set before me. That, you know, Jesus said it, so there must be some food on its way somewhere. But they didn't know when, they didn't know where, they didn't know what.

And then, you know, for me personally, that would probably freak me out because when I go anywhere on trips, I always have snacks with me because I hate being hungry. I get a wee bit hangry. And so I have to just make sure that I have literally got a wee thing. Andy. When I've done trips with Andy or Andy and Cheezah, I always, if he's like, oh, I'm a bit hungry, I can just like appear with a snack any place, anytime. I'm sorry, I can hand out a snack because I always like to be prepared with food because being hungry is not the most fun thing for me.

So I don't know how they were going to manage that. I mean, I don't know how much food they normally ate. And then of course, there's the, there's the actual food itself. And it wasn't like when you get invited over to someone's house for dinner, they're like, they're always like, oh, is there anything you like or don't like. They didn't get to do that. They didn't get to submit their food request in advance.

So, yeah, no input in advance in that way. And then the mission itself, I mean, heal the sick, tell them the kingdom has come near you. And I don't know if you have ever seen the episode in the Chosen where Jesus is telling the 12 disciples that he's about to send Them out. I had a watch of it again just recently because I remembered I was quite amused by it and I thought I was going to write down a few things that were just quite funny.

So this is kind of how the conversation goes. So he Jesus tells the 12, I'm sending you out. And they basically say, hold on, heal the sick, cast out demons. And then someone pipes up, was there a cedar name that I missed? And Jesus says to them, this is it. And they say, well, I don't feel any different.

And Jesus like, I don't need you to feel anything to do great things. And so, yeah, just very. A very funny interaction in the room as they start to. I kind of have a little bit of a freak out with the responsibility that they have got to do this too. And actually they are not the Messiah.

So at least for the 72, I mean, I like to think that they've heard through the grapevine about how it went for the 12. So at least they're like, all right, well, at least, you know, they could do it. Pretty sure it's going to be okay.

Same sort of circumstances, you know, no money, no clothes, no extras.

But I guess even for you, just have a wee moment to have a think, like, how would you actually have felt if you were one of the 72? And Jesus has said to you, right, it's your turn. Don't take anything with you. You're not going to have any obvious place to stay. You don't really know what you're going to eat, but on you go. And just, you know, when you go into someone's house, tell them peace, and they just stay there. I mean, that really is just like, it's kind of encouraging

freeloading with like no obvious time definition. But how would you actually have felt?

[00:24:31] Speaker B: I'm sure a whole host of things for different ones of us.

[00:24:34] Speaker A: So feel free to share that with.

[00:24:37] Speaker B: Someone over lunch because I think it would be fun to hear what each other would think.

[00:24:42] Speaker A: So what about us? What can we learn for our lives from Luke?

I've just pulled out a few things.

So the first one is it's pretty clear from this portion of Scripture that we are all laborers. The Commission of the 72 shows us that healing the second, casting out demons and proclaiming the kingdom is at hand wasn't just for the 12, wasn't just for the 72. And then obviously, you know, there's the Great Commission and then what happens in the Book of Acts, actually it's the responsibility of all disciples and followers of Jesus. So that's the first thing. And then I think the other thing was really the 72. They weren't experts, they were just willing. And that is so encouraging for me. I'm like, oh, I just need to give my yes and just trust that God is good and that I've got Holy Spirit and that, you know what it might look like the people in the yellow T shirts in a shop every time, or it might look like, I'm told, go away. I don't want anything to do with what you're telling me about, which I have had as well, but I just need to be willing, follow Jesus, do what he asked me to do. And then the other thing is this, that it's as really true today as it was then, that the, the laborers are few, the harvest is plentiful. I was part of Awakening Europe last year. And if you don't know what that is, basically over the period, over a period of two weeks, the gospel was preached one to one on the streets of Europe in 30 cities simultaneously last summer, and I was in Dresden, which is amazing.

And then we had to record for every person that we spoke to, one on one and actually gave them the full gospel message. We were to record how many people we did that with, and then we were to record how many people said yes to Jesus. Now, everyone across Europe who was part of Awakening Europe recorded that. We had an app and we could see every day what the stats looked like. Now, by the end of that time, the numbers basically worked out that 1 in 10 people on the streets of Europe who heard the gospel, preached to them, said yes and gave their life to Jesus. Which is incredible and actually tells me that the harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few, that people are responding.

[00:26:56] Speaker B: To Jesus, which is amazing, absolutely amazing.

[00:27:01] Speaker A: So the harvest is ready to be harvested. We know that we keep hearing about quiet revivals. We just recently heard that story from Ian about the pastor in Glasgow who did an Alpha course and wasn't really sure how many to expect. And 150 people turned up to the Alpha course. So there is a harvest. And actually the question is really, what part are we going to play in.

[00:27:26] Speaker B: What God wants to do here?

[00:27:28] Speaker A: So it's ready to be harvested. And Jesus, you know, he sent the disciples to places that he intended to go himself. And it's the same. True, the same is true today. Jesus wants to go to your street, wants to go to your workplace, wants to go to your local supermarket, actually. And he has called someone to be his light there and to release his Presence and to bring healing and proclaim peace and bring the kingdom.

[00:27:53] Speaker B: And that person is you.

[00:27:55] Speaker A: Because I can't go there.

I can't go to your street. Well, I could probably, if I figured out where you lived. But actually, you're uniquely positioned in the place that you work with, the friendship groups you have in the street that you live in and the gym that you're part of, and, you know, all of that, that actually you. God's put you there. Jesus put you there so that he can use you to bring his kingdom.

[00:28:18] Speaker B: In that place, whatever that looks like.

[00:28:20] Speaker A: For you, which is really a massive privilege. And so I've been thinking about this and actually getting quite challenged by myself as I thought about this. So this is not like, Jan's the expert. She does this all the time. This is like, I am like, oh, my goodness. I feel quite challenged by myself and by God.

So the question I want to ask you is the one I asked myself, what if every day. We viewed every day as mission day.

Imagine this is what I've been imagining. I might actually do this. I'll let you know if I do and what happens. But imagine having a sign on the back of your door of your house or your flat that said, you are sent out today by Jesus into the harvest. Actually, you know, I mean, do you. First of all, do you need regularly reminded of that truth? First question.

And, you know, I've been thinking, like, would that open my eyes more? Would it? Would it. Would I be somehow more responsive to the voice of the Holy Spirit? Would my heart, like, somehow be softer? Even if I just was, like, remembering, like, wow, like, I'm part of this. Like, I'm needed to, like, God's Jesus got me here to bring the kingdom. Like, I am the body of Christ on the earth. I'm his ambassador. I'm his hands and his feet. I'm his voice piece. He wants to use me. Would that actually make a difference? What is it that we need to remind us that actually we're here to do the work of Jesus.

And the thing that gets me and wrecks me, I would say, is the outrageous amounts of trust that Jesus puts in us, you know, to share what's called in scripture the message of reconciliation, or, you know, we're as ambassadors. And that actually, what are we. How are we letting him make his appeal through us?

And actually, how.

How am I. How are you going to ensure that we do that daily?

Because I don't want to. I don't want to be like, oh, no, I didn't do it, or I missed it, or I always just kick myself if, like, there's an opportunity. And so I've always tried to have a yes, even if it's scary, even if Holy Spirit's like, I want you to go and do this. I'm like, okay, then. And I've just trained myself not to question and just to do it quickly before I start over analyzing and convince myself it's a bad idea, which, you know, we're all prone to because we're human.

So I've just got a couple of questions for us to reflect on here, and then we're going to finish by singing. So here's your questions. You can write down in your notebook, if you have one, or on your phone.

So question number one.

Jesus, as I realize that I'm sent out by you every day, in what ways would you like my week to look different? And how would you like to use me to advance your kingdom this year? Now, that's going to be different for each and every one of us. And question number two, Galatians 6, 9. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up. Are there any people in your life who don't yet follow Jesus that you feel like giving up on? What does Jesus want to say to you about them? To bring you fresh hope?

[00:31:24] Speaker B: Yeah, Jesus, I want to thank you that we have the privilege of being your representatives on the earth.

And I want to just ask Jesus that every day as we leave the house or go about whatever it is that we're doing that day, I pray that you give us eyes to see and ears to hear. We want to follow your lead, Jesus. We want to follow you, Holy Spirit. And we want to be about the work that you've given us to do, which is unique and very specifically us.

No one else can do what you've put us here for.

And I want to pray that you would give us a heart of compassion for those around us who are in need of healing and in pain or need freedom and breakthrough. And those who don't know you, Jesus, let us love them the way that you do.

And I want to pray that Holy Spirit, you would fill us with fresh boldness and courage to respond to your promptings and your leadings that actually we. We don't want to do this in our own strength. We can't. We want to be led by you. And I thank you that as we follow you, it can be fun and it can feel easy because you're the one who does it. And we just get to stand back and watch you at work as we partner with you. And God, I pray for these people that you've brought to mind who aren't following you yet. Jesus, I thank you that your heart is for them, your heart is towards them, that you have great hope and excitement about them coming into the kingdom and you are at work in their lives even when we can't see the obvious evidence of that. I thank you that you are. And God, I pray that for each of those people that you would keep moving in their lives. Let us be.

Use us actually in any way that you want to be instruments of your peace and of healing and whatever it is that you need to catch their attention and bring them one step closer to you. Jesus, we want to give them to you. And we say that we trust you. Thank you. That you love them more than we do.

And we just say thank you, God, that actually as you sent out Jesus 72, you send us out every day. And I just pray that we would know that we've got the backing of heaven, that we don't do it on our own, but that we go with you and we get to be your hands and your feet, your body on the earth and your voice piece.

[00:33:50] Speaker A: And I pray, Jesus, it would be light.

[00:33:52] Speaker B: Just like you say that your yoke is easy and your burden is light. We want to feel a light burden in this. And I pray that we would have fun with you this year, more fun than we've ever had as we see you heal the sick, set people free, bring salvation to the people around us. And God, we just say thank you in advance for the way that you want to partner with us. And we want to give you all the glory in advance, Jesus, and keep giving you the glory because we don't do any of it on our own. Thank you, Jesus.

Amen.