

Visions of Harvest

October 28, 2007

“The Father’s Pleasure”
Luke 10:17-24

Introduction

In this morning’s passage the seventy-two disciples who were sent out on a short-term mission trip return with joy. Their excitement, though, is misplaced, and Jesus warns them to celebrate God’s work on their behalf rather than their work on God’s behalf. As we share in the Lord’s Supper this morning, it is our desire to do just that.

Interpretation

Application

Going Deeper

1. Did you ask the “Lord of the harvest” to “send out workers into his harvest field” last week? (Luke 10:2, James 1:22-25)
2. If you have been on a short-term mission trip, what impact did it have on your faith?
3. If you have not been on a short-term mission trip, what has prevented you from considering and/or participating in one?
4. Why do you suppose Jesus warns the disciples not to rejoice “that the spirits submit to you?” What might be the dangers in celebrating our authority and power in Christ? (Luke 10:20, Romans 12:3)
5. How is greater freedom and confidence a byproduct of celebrating our salvation, rather than our authority and power in Christ? (Philippians 2:5-11)
6. Why might it have been the Father’s “good pleasure” to reveal his authority and power to the unwise and unlearned? (Luke 10:21, 1 Corinthians 1:19-27,
7. When has God brought glory to himself through your weaknesses and struggles? (Romans 8:26, 2 Corinthians 12:5-10)

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