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## Sunday School Lesson

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## TRAINING FOR SERVICE

**Lesson: Mark 6:7-13; Luke 10:1-2; 14:25-27**  
Golden Text: He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me.—Matt. 10:38

## COMMENTS ON THE LESSON

The Scriptures chosen for this lesson shew Jesus' disciples at work while he was yet alive. This educated them for the work they were to continue after his death. The twelve were sent forth a little more than a year before His death. The seventy were sent forth after the twelve and before the post resurrection programme of world wide missions beginning at Jerusalem.

1. **TWELVE SENT FORTH:** Mark 6:7. **Send them forth by two and two**—By two going together they would not be so liable to become discouraged.

8. **Should take nothing for their journey**—They were to trust entirely upon God and upon the people for support.

9. **Sandals**—An imperfect shoe worn to protect the feet.

10. **There abide till ye depart from that place**—They were not to be interrupting their work by changing their lodging.

11. **Shake off the dust**—This shews that not all would accept the gospel.

12. **Preached that men should repent**—This is the same message as John the Baptist and Jesus. People today still need to repent of sin in order to accept Christ.

13. **Anointed with oil**—The oil is a symbol of the Spirit and was used no doubt to shew their dependence on God for healing.

II. THE SEVENTY SENT FORTH: Luke 10:1. **The Lord appointed other seventy also**—Seventy others R. V. These were appointed to go ahead of him and prepare the way for the latter part of his ministry. The commission for these disciples is much the same as that already given to the apostles.

2. **The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore**—It is our duty to give the gospel to our own people and to give our money to the missionary enterprise in order that other nations besides our own might be saved. By giving our money we help to answer our own prayers and make it possible for the Lord to send forth those whom he calls.

III. COST OF DISCIPLESHIP: Luke 14:26. **If any man come to me and hate not his father**—“Comparatively to Christ: yea, so as actually to renounce his field, oxen, wife, all things, and act as if he hated them when they stand in competition with Jesus.” Wesley's Notes.

27. **And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple**—The cross is the instrument of death and death is the giving up of life. Therefore to be a disciple of Jesus we must be crucified or dead to self and sin.

## QUESTIONS AND THEMES FOR DISCUSSION

1. Give some reasons for Christ sending forth the twelve.
2. What is the meaning of repentance? Why should it be preached?
3. What does Christ expect of his followers relative to the missionary enterprise?
4. What does the cross symbolize regarding full salvation and service respectively.

June 16th, 1946

## LEARNING ABOUT THE KINGDOM

**Lesson: Luke 9:23-24; 46-48, 57-62; 11:1-4**  
Golden Text: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven.—Matt. 6:10.

## COMMENTS ON THE LESSON

Our lesson today begins where we left off last Sunday: the cost of discipleship. These messages were spoken in the latter part of Christ's ministry. The disciples were more or less looking for a visible kingdom. Jesus makes clear to them that the present kingdom is invisible and spiritual. It is set up in the hearts of men. The entrance to this kingdom is repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I. **MUST DIE TO SELF:** Luke 9:23. **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me**—The cross is something we die upon, and to take our cross daily means a permanent death to self and sin. This is possible by daily trusting in the cleansing Blood.

24. **Whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it**—Whatever we lose in this life for the sake of Jesus we will find again in Heaven, if not here.

II. **MUST BE TEACHABLE:** Luke 9:46. **Which of them should be greatest**—a selfish ambition.

47. **Took a child**—An example of meekness and dependence.

48. **He that is least among you all, the same shall be great**—The way to usefulness is the road of obedience and humility.

III. **MUST PUT GOD FIRST:** Luke 9:57. **I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest**—A good testimony if practised.

58. **The son of man hath not where to lay his head**—The disciple must be willing to share his Saviour's poverty.

59. **Suffer me first to go and bury my father**—Duties to loved ones are imperative, but our duties to God must come first.

60. **Go thou and preach the kingdom of God**—Unsaved men and women are going to Hell and it is the work of the preacher to tell them of salvation through Christ.

IV. **PRAYER FOR THE KINGDOM:** Luke 11:1. **Lord teach us to pray**—Listening to Jesus pray aroused a desire in at least one of the disciples to pray more effectively.

2. **Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done**—The first three petitions in this prayer are for the advance of the kingdom. (1) God's name should be hallowed. (2) God's kingdom should come in the hearts of men. (3) God's will should be done in earth as it is done in Heaven.

3. **Give us day by day our daily bread**—The bread referred to is for both physical and spiritual need. We are dependent on God for a daily supply. He does not promise us bread a month ahead.

4. **Forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us**—“Forgiveness of sins depends primarily upon the grace of God. Those who have by the grace of God been forgiven their sins should in turn be willing to forgive others their trespasses”—Higgle's Notes.

IV. **WHEREABOUTS OF THE KINGDOM:** Luke 17:20—**The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation**—“With such outward pomp as draws the attention of every one”—Wesley's Notes.

21. **Behold the kingdom of God is within you**—It is now in the midst of you: it is come: it is present in the soul of every true believer.

## QUESTIONS AND THEMES FOR DISCUSSION

1. Through what power may Christians be made free from sin in this life?
2. Shew how important it is that Christians be teachable.
3. Shew that whole hearted Christians must always give God the first place in life.
4. What makes possible the forgiveness of

sins?

5. Shew the spiritual and invisible nature of the kingdom.

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