

# Bless Your Neighbors

Sunday Morning, August 9, 2015

## Introduction:

- ✝ Prayer Walks
- ✝ Door Knocking (old statistic - reach 1 in 100 residence)
- ✝ Take the City for Christ!
- ✝ Bless Your Neighbors

## I. Why Were the 70 Called Unto A Pioneering Mission?

**(Luke 10:1)**

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, & sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

Significance of the Number 70:

**Note: Scholars debate 70 or 72?**

- ✝ 70 elders in the wilderness (Num. 11:16-17, 24-25)
- ✝ 70 went to Egypt during the famine in Joseph's day. (Gen. 46:27, Deut. 10:22)
- ✝ 70 divisions into nations at the Tower of Babel (Gen. 10, 11:1-9)
- ✝ 70 Son's of God were believed to exist by the Canaanites (Judges 8:30)
- ✝ 70 nations before Israel was a nation

70 elders sent was significant to Israel as an act of redemption. Redemption is intended for all people, Jews and Gentiles.

So, what are we doing to reach our city (or cities) with the redeeming power of God?

## Our Challenge:

- ✝ Prayer walk in your neighborhood
- ✝ Seek God's leading to specifically pray for 1 residence
- ✝ Pray for opportunities for personal contact
- ✝ Plant seeds of faith
- ✝ Look for opportunities to share the Gospel of Christ

## II. Identify Places to Harvest **(Luke 10:2)**

Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Example:

Carolyn and her church went on a Mission Trip to San Francisco

Seek opportunities to share the love of Christ especially to those in need.

## Church Opportunities:

- ✝ Convalescent Ministries
- ✝ Food and Clothing Give Aways
- ✝ Canvassing Community
- ✝ Reverse Trick or Treat
- ✝ The Living Nativity

### **III. Know That God Will Provide What We Need to Share God's Peace**

**(Luke 10: 3 – 6)**

3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

5 But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.'

6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

God promised to provide the 70 disciples what they needed on their journey.

God will provide courage, time, and desire for us if we ask Him.

"Peace to this house" - a common social etiquette for Hebrew Guests to say.

A common desire for Christians is that people will know the peace of God.

Not all of our efforts will succeed, but we will have the peace of knowing that we tried.

#### **Conclusion:**

Bless your neighbors and communities by praying for them and by sharing the Good News of Salvation and Peace in Christ Jesus the Lord!