

## Luke 10:3-12

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<sup>10</sup> But if you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into the streets and declare, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off as a testimony against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near.' <sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

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### Living the Christian life is better than ok. Luke 10:3-12

Live simply. Jesus did. 10:3-4

It's ok to live without power. 3 "lambs among wolves"

It's ok to live without possessions. 4a "no purse or bag"

It's ok to live without position. 4b "not greet anyone"

Live graciously. Jesus did. 10:5-9

It's ok to be good. 5-6 "say, 'Peace'"

It's ok to be gracious. 7-8 "worthy of his wages"

It's ok to be generous. 9 "tell them the Kingdom"

Live boldly. Jesus did. 10:10-12

It's ok to be different. 10-11 "not receive you, go"

It's ok to be truthful. 11b "the Kingdom of God is near"

It's ok to be confident. 12 "more bearable for Sodom"

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### I love you, but... Luke 10:3-12

Self love. 10:3-4

Don't seek possessions. 4 "no purse or bag"

Don't seek popularity. 4 "not greet anyone"

Mutual love. 10:5-9

Pay your way. 7 "the worker is worthy of his wages"

Give more than you take. 9 "Heal the sick and tell them, The kingdom..."

Tough love. 10:10-12

Decisions have consequences. 10-11 "testimony against you. Yet be sure of this"  
Hell is a real possibility. 12 "for Sodom than for that town"

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### **Be like Jesus. Luke 10:3-12**

Be harmless but not helpless. 10:3-6

Be peaceful. 3 "like lambs among wolves"  
Be productive. 4 "Carry no purse or bag"  
Be professional. 5-6 "Peace to this house"

Be helpful and not harmful. 10:7-9

Be content. 7,8 "whatever you are offered"  
Be co-operative. 7b "worker is worthy of his wages"  
Be constructive. 9 "Heal the sick and tell them"

Be hopeful but not heretical. 10:10-12

Be optimistic for sinners. 10 "enter a town"  
Be idealistic towards sinners. 11 "The kingdom of God is near"  
Be realistic among sinners. 12 "more bearable on that day"

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### **I got it! Luke 10:3-12**

With Jesus we can walk into the unknown. 10:3-4

We have Jesus; strength the world can't see. 3 "like lambs"  
We have Jesus; wealth the world can't see. 4a "no purse or bag"  
We have Jesus; friendship the world can't see. 4b "not greet anyone"

With Jesus we can walk up to complexity. 10:5-9

We have Jesus; we have more peace than the world. 5-6 "peace... your peace"  
We have Jesus; we have more resources than the world. 7-8 "stay... whatever"  
We have Jesus; we have more blessings than the world. 7-9 "wages... Kingdom"

With Jesus we can walk away from rejection. 10:10-12

We have Jesus; the world can offer us nothing. 10-11 "wipe the dust off"  
We have Jesus; the King and Judge. 11-12 "Kingdom... that day"

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### **Life in the real world. Luke 10:3-12**

Go confidently into the world. 10:3-6

I go with God's protection. 3 "lambs among wolves"

I go with God's provision. 4 "take no purse or bag"

I go with God's peace. 5-6 "begin by saying 'peace'"

Go confidently through the world. 10:7-9

I have more than enough of the world's supplies. 7-8 "stay... eat"

I have more than enough of the world's opportunities. 7b "worker worthy"

I have more than enough of what the world needs. 9 "heal... and tell"

Go confidently from the world. 10:10-12

Some people reject God, not me. 10 "not receive you"

All people are loved by God. 9, 11 "Kingdom of God is near"

All people face judgement. 12 "Sodom"

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### **Something to say. Luke 10:3-12**

Something to say to self. 10:3-4

I am as strong as a lamb. 3 "like lambs"

I am as rich as a beggar. 4 "no purse or bag"

Something to say to saints. 10:5-9

I need to work for what I receive. 5-8 "worker... wages"

I need to give what I have received. 9 "heal... tell them..."

Something to say to sinners. 10:10-12

God's Kingdom is still close for you. 11 "Kingdom is near"

God's judgement is closer to you. 12 "that day"

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### **Better than give-and-take. Luke 10:3-12**

Give the life God gave you. 10:3-4

Give your power. 3 "lambs among wolves"

Give your possessions. 4 "take no purse or bag"

Give your popularity. 4 "don't greet anyone"

Give the gifts God gave you. 10:5-9

Give an internal gift. 5-6 "peace"

Give an external gift. 9a "heal"

Give an eternal gift. 9b "Kingdom"

Give the news God gave you. 10:10-12

Give the good news. 11 "Kingdom of God is near"  
Give the bad news. 10, 12 "testimony against you... that day"

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### **I've always got something to give. Luke 10:3-12**

Give without expecting to receive. 10:3-6

Give responsibly. 4 "no purse or bag"

Give respectfully. 5-6 "Peace to this house"

Give more than you receive. 10:5-8

Give peace to the broken-hearted

Give health to broken bodies

Give truth to those broken spiritually

Give whatever they need. 10:9-12

Give good news to those who need comfort. 11 "Kingdom is near"

Give bad news to those who need challenge. 12 "that day"

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### **Thy Kingdom come, or else – it's Hell. Luke 10:3-12**

Kingdom close. 10:3-9

Heaven is a place of peace. 3-6 "lambs... peace"

Heaven is a place of productivity. 7 "worker... wages"

Heaven is a place of perfection. 8-9 "heal the sick"

Kingdom come. 10:10-12

Hell is warned against. 10-11 "testimony against you"

Hell is a choice. 11 "Kingdom of God is near"

Hell is really bad. 12 "more bearable for Sodom"

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### **Hints of Heaven. Hints of Hell. Luke 10:3-12 – [evangelistic](#)**

Hints of Heaven. 10:3-9

You can go to Heaven if you do what Jesus says. 3 "Go, I am sending you"

You can go to Heaven if you receive what Jesus gives. 5-6 "Peace... your peace"

You can go to Heaven if you be where Jesus is. 9 "Kingdom of God is near"

Hints of Hell. 10:10-12

You go to Hell because you failed to heed the warnings. 10-11 "testimony"

You go to Hell because you failed to step into Heaven. 11 "Kingdom is near"  
You go to Hell because you failed to make the change. 12 "Sodom"

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### **This is where the path divides. Luke 10:3-12**

The upward pathway. 10:3-9

The upward pathway is travelled by those who are obedient. 3 "Go, I am sending"

The upward pathway is travelled by those who are harmless. 3 "like lambs"

The upward pathway is travelled by those who are satisfied. 4 "no purse or bag"

The upward pathway is travelled by those who are peaceful. 5-6 "peace"

The upward pathway is travelled by those who are productive. 7-9 "worker"

The downward pathway. 10:10-12

The downward pathway is travelled by those who are aware. 10-11 "testimony"

The downward pathway is travelled by those who are foolish. 11 "near"

The downward pathway is travelled by those who are doomed. 12 "Sodom"

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### **When lambs go to war. Luke 10:3-12**

War always involves people. 10:3-6

Peace with God. 3 "like lambs"

Peace with myself. 4 "no purse or bag"

Peace with others. 5-6 "say 'Peace'"

War always involves actions. 10:6-9

Peace by words. 6 "say, 'Peace'"

Peace by deeds. 7-9 "stay... eat... heal"

Peace by heart. 9b "Kingdom is near"

War always involves outcomes. 10:10-12

Peace with opposition. 10 "not receive"

Peace with confidence. 11 "be sure"

Peace with a future. 12 "Sodom"

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### **Most frequent key words or concepts**

No / Not – μή

4 "Carry no purse nor bag nor sandals."

4 "Do not greet anyone along the road."

6 "if not, your peace will return to you."

7 "Do not move around from house to house."  
10 "if you enter a town and they do not receive you"

If – ἐάν / εἰ [often by sentence construction, 8, 10; rather than a word, 6]

6 "If a man of peace is there"  
6 "if not, it will return to you"  
8 "If you enter a town and they welcome you"  
10 "if you enter a town and they do not receive you"

Peace – εἰρήνη

5 "begin by saying, 'Peace to this house.'"  
6 "If a man of peace is there"  
6 "your peace will rest on him"

Kingdom of God is near – ἤγγικεν ἐφ' ὑμᾶς ἡ βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ

9 "tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'"  
11 "Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near." [omit 'you']

The only purpose statement

7 "For the worker is worthy of his wages"

The only conclusion statement

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### Analysing the structure

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if not, it will return to you.

C1 <sup>7</sup> Stay at the same house,

C2 eating and drinking whatever you are offered.  
For the worker is worthy of his wages.

C2 Do not move around from house to house.

C1 <sup>8</sup> If you enter a town and they welcome you, eat whatever is set before you.

<sup>9</sup> Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'

C1 <sup>10</sup> But if you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into the streets and declare, <sup>11</sup>

C2 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet,  
we wipe off as a testimony against you. Yet be sure: The kingdom of God is near.'

A1 <sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

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### Other possible titles

People with a purpose

Practical Christianity  
How to walk through the world  
Take it or leave it  
Ve haf goot news and ve haf bad news  
Conduct yourself like a Christian; like Christ  
Paying your way  
Come on an adventure with God  
Keep it simple  
What is that on your shoes?  
Beautiful feet. Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10:15, Luke 10:11  
Be an Influencer  
Have I got a deal for you!  
Let me give you a peace of my mind  
On a mission from God  
Do you want some of this?  
What am I worth?  
Do you like me?  
It's not about me. It's about God.  
Make a difference  
Wipe your feet  
What to do when Jesus is not looking  
Choose your direction; choose your destination.  
So near, yet so far.  
More thrive than mere survive  
Handling rejection

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## **Music and songs**

Songs about God's provision. "Carry no purse or bag or sandals." v4

In His time, Ot 85  
Jehovah Jireh, MP 354  
Jesus is the answer, Ot 82  
Jesus put this song into our hearts  
Living water (Getty), Ot 76  
Look what God is doing (S W Brown)  
What a wonderful life, Ot 43

Songs about peace. "Whatever house you enter, begin by saying, 'Peace to this house.'" v5

Go in peace  
I've got peace like a river  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me  
Make me a channel of Your peace  
Peace in the valley  
Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin, H  
When peace like a river... it is well with my soul, H 707

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life, H 714

Songs about the Kingdom and King. "The Kingdom of God is near." v9, 11

All hail King Jesus, SiS 219

King of my life I crown Thee now, H 666

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, H 690

Songs about the King's people

I am a stranger here... I'm here on business for my King, H 736

Ho my comrades... Hold the fort for I am coming, H 730

Songs about turning to Christ

Come every soul... He will save you now, H 632

Come to the Saviour, make no delay, H 633

Have you any room for Jesus, H 634

I am resolved no longer to linger, H 645

Out of my bondage... Jesus I come to Thee, H 681

Sinners Jesus will receive, H 654

Songs about the Second Coming

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, H 191

Lo, He comes with clouds descending, H 200

Man of Sorrows, what a name, H 211, v5

Sing we the King who is coming to reign, H 204

There's a light upon the mountains, H 199

Songs about the Judgement. "...on that day" v12

Our God is an awesome God, Ot 50

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### **Thought starters for private reflection or group study**

1. Read Matthew 6:33. How can prioritising God's Kingdom and righteousness provide us with things mentioned in v 28-32? How does that make the Christian life better than ok?
2. Read John 14:26-28. In what ways is peace (v27) connected with the things mentioned in v26 and v28? How does that make the Christian life better than ok?
3. Read Philippians 4:11-13. How does, "I have learned..." (v11) and, "I know..." (v12), result in, "I can do..." (v13)? How does that make the Christian life better than ok?
4. Read Luke 10:10-11. What were the disciples to do, and to say? What message/s was this designed to convey? How does that make the non-Christian life not ok?
5. Read Genesis 19:24, and imagine what that day must have been like for those residents. Read Luke 10:12, and image what the day of God's judgment may be like.