



ENTER God's presence

Psalm 63:1-8

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
- ² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- ³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
- ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
- ⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Pray: Gracious God, as we open your Word together, quiet our hearts and minds and help us to listen. By your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see where you are at work and how you are sending us to join in your mission. Keep our hearts centred on Jesus, give us courage to follow where he leads, and bring your living Word alive in us. Amen.

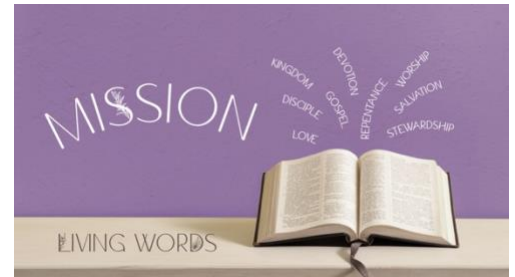


SHARE life together

1. What are your highs and lows since you last met?
2. Where have you noticed something happening in someone else's life recently that you would describe as 'God at work'?
3. When has someone unexpectedly encouraged, helped or cared for you recently?

Week beginning:
Monday 12th October 2026

Worship series:
Living Words
#5 MISSION



VERSE for the week

**"No one knows who the Son is
except the Father, and no one
knows the Father except the Son
and those to whom the Son
chooses to reveal Him."**

Luke 10:22b



REMEMBER this week

**God's mission isn't just
information transfer. It's
about revealing God's
love for people in their
lives – and He calls us to
join Him.**

When we hear the word *mission*, we can often imagine going somewhere—perhaps overseas or out into our wider community, or somewhere unfamiliar—to do something for God. But what if God has already sent us? We already live, work, learn and spend time among people Jesus loves. And what if Jesus is already at work in those places before we notice? Mission may begin not by asking, “*Where should I go?*” but by looking around and asking, “*Jesus, what are you already doing here, and how are you inviting me to join you?*”

Read **Luke 10:1-24** [HERE](#) or in your own Bible.

4. **What verse/concept/teaching in these readings caught your attention and what was challenging/confronting/comforting about them for you?**
5. **Luke 10:1-24 is often given the editorial heading “Jesus sends out the seventy two”. We know that Jesus sends them out but what does this account tell us about ‘how’ and ‘where’ Jesus sends them?**
6. **What instructions does Jesus give them about how they are to travel and enter a community?**
7. **What are they told to do and say when they are welcomed? What about when they are not welcomed?**
8. **When the seventy two return, what are they excited about? How does Jesus respond to their excitement?**



At first glance, Jesus’ instructions to the seventy-two might seem like a step-by-step guide for how we should do mission today. But Jesus was sending these particular people on a particular mission, at a particular time. Rather than treating his instructions as a formula to follow, we need to look for what they reveal about the nature of God’s mission and our place in it. Perhaps a helpful way to think about mission is joining a conversation God has already started. Jesus sends the seventy-two ahead of him, to places where he himself is about to go. They are not responsible for making his mission happen; they are invited to participate in what he is doing. What might change if we approached mission in the same way—not trying to create opportunities or force outcomes, but listening, noticing where God is already at work, and responding faithfully to his invitation?

9. **Jesus sends out the seventy-two to places he is about to go (v1). How does this shape your understanding of whose mission it is and what our role in it might be?**
10. **Jesus tells the seventy-two to offer peace, receive hospitality, and stay with those who welcome them (vv.5-9). What does this tell you about the posture we should bring to conversations and relationships with others?**
11. **Jesus prepares his followers for both welcome and rejection (vv.10-16). How might remembering that the mission belongs to Jesus change the way we respond to either outcome?**
12. **Why does Jesus redirect the disciples’ joy from what they have accomplished to the fact that their names are written in heaven? What does this reveal about the relationship between our identity and our ‘success’ mission?**



LIVE purposefully

MAKE IT REAL:

Jesus sent the seventy-two on a particular mission, at a particular time, with specific instructions for the task ahead of them. While our circumstances may be different, we too are invited to participate in God's mission. The harvest still belongs to him, and he continues to work through ordinary people in ordinary places. So, rather than asking whether we should do exactly what the seventy-two did, perhaps the better question is: **How is Jesus inviting me to participate in his mission, right here and right now?** Consider the people God has placed around you, the places where you live and work, and the gifts, skills and opportunities he has already given you. How might he be calling you to notice what he is doing and join him in that work?

13. **Where has God placed you in this season of life? Who are the people you are regularly in contact with whom God might be inviting you to reach out to with his peace and love?**
14. **What gifts, skills, or opportunities has God given you that could help you share His love and hope with others? (don't forget the gift of your church family and LifeGroup!)**
15. **What might it look like for you to notice where Jesus is already at work and take one small step to join him this week?**

Plan your weekly devotions or [download the Church Central app](#) for the daily **LifeWay Devotions**



PRAY intentionally

You might like to pray together the following prayer, or spend time sharing together your prayer needs and praying for one another.

Gracious God, thank you for inviting us to share in your mission. Open our eyes to see where you are already at work in the people and places around us. Help us to recognise the opportunities you give us to share your love, offer your peace, and speak of the hope we have in Jesus. Give us courage to respond when you call, humility to listen, and faith to trust you with the outcomes. Remind us that we belong to you, and that your mission is always in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



BLESS one another

You might like to address one person in your group and make the sign of the cross on their forehead or on the palm of their hand as you say...

[Name], In Christ, you are part of God's mission to the world. Amen.