#### FINAL STUDY NOTES - *LUKE Chapter 10* 3-10/11-2025

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#### **OPENING PRAYER**

*LUKE* – <u>*Chapter10*</u> beginning of Jesus going <u>toward Jerusalem</u>, through chapter 19! – Seventy Sent Out - (*vs. 1-12*); Woe to the Impenitent Cities – (*vs. 13-16*); The Seventy Return with Joy – (*vs. 17-20*); Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit – (*vs. 21-24*); The Parable of the Good Samaritan – (*vs. 25-37*); Mary and Martha Worship and Serve – (*vs. 38-42*).

• Jesus is on His way toward Jerusalem. He is leaving Galilee for the last time, He began His journey toward Jerusalem coming down through Samaria, but they did not receive Him. James and John wanted to call down fire and consume them. Jesus has now with His disciples crossed over the Jordan into that area on the other side, Perea, and He will spend the rest of His ministry there in Perea with

the exception of a couple of visits to Jerusalem which John records for us. Most of the information that we will be getting in the next several chapters is exclusively found in Luke's gospel.

#### Jesus Sends Out the Seventy - Two by Two (Recorded only in Luke)

### Luk 10:1 After these things the Lord appointed <u>seventy others</u> also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

- Jesus is travelling with a large company. He appoints another seventy. <u>Some Greek manuscripts</u>, including the Septuagint, say the number was seventy-two.
- Seventy is a significant number to the Jews. (Gen 46:27b) All the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt were seventy. (Num 11:16a) So the LORD said to Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel. (Dan 9:24a) "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city.
- Sent them two and two before Him into every city and place, where He Himself would go. Jesus is now sending out thirty-five teams of two to go into the area of Perea to give the Gospel a jump start. It is new territory for Jesus. There are to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. They are an advanced team, going to the towns and villages, doing the works of Jesus, and telling the people of Jesus and that He would be visiting their territory.

# Luk 10:2 Then He said to them, "The harvest (presentation of the Kingdom prior to His arrival in Jerusalem) truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

- *The harvest truly is great*: Like a ripe field of grain, Jesus explained an increased urgency about His work. He considered humanity to be like a harvest field ready for gathering, which needs to be harvested promptly. **This is still true.** Believing that Jesus will be coming back soon, we should heed Jesus' commission to the seventy as our own.
- *The laborers are few:* More workers are needed! When there is a lot of work and few workers, one must be busy, focusing on their work.
- *Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest*: Jesus commanded them to *pray*; the work before them was great and <u>could not be accomplished without much prayer</u>. Specifically, they were to ask *the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest*.

#### Luk 10:3 Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

• **Pray for the Lord to harvest souls in your neighborhood**! Guess who He's going to call on to do it. Pray seriously for the area of the world to which your heart is drawn, and guess who He will send! You! Me?

#### Luk 10:4 Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

- Note the immediacy of the call. Don't carry money bag or shoes. Don't stop and dialogue with people. Just get going. I will provide for you through people who open their doors to you.
- We who are called to be ambassadors will never feel adequately prepared. But if you wait until you're ready financially, educationally, or relationally, you'll be sitting here ten years from now, for there will always be something saying, "Not now, not yet, not you."

### Luk 10:5-6 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.

• If the Spirit of God is moving in our hearts and the *son of peace is there*, then you will realize it. If not, then it will return to you. You will discern and feel it. The peace will return to you again.

Luk 10:7-8 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. [8] Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, <u>eat such things as are</u> set before you.

• These are special instructions for them at this time.

Luk 10:9 And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

- When He sent the twelve out, He gave them power. He told them to cast out devils, to heal the sick, cleanse the leper, raise the dead. He says nothing about casting out devils. We know that they did do this. Upon their return they were rejoicing that the devils were subject to them in the name of Jesus.
- Their commission is that of selling a kingdom of God message. They were not to just heal the sick, but to tell the people that the kingdom of God is coming near to them! They were to be forerunners of Jesus coming to these villages. It is a message that will be rejected nationally.

Luk 10:10-11 But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, [11] The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that <u>the kingdom of God</u> has <u>come near you</u>.'

- *Know that the kingdom of God has come near you*. It is a tragic thing that many people come close to the kingdom but never enter in! There is a time when maybe through tragedy, heartache, the death of a loved one, a person's heart is touched. Their heart is open. They are sort of searching. The kingdom of God comes near to them. Many people who have been near to the kingdom of God have tragically turned away from that door of opportunity that they had to enter into the kingdom.
- It was a sad thing if a village would reject the message. They would have to shake the dust off and say, "*The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you*. But know this, the kingdom of God was near to you. You had your opportunity to receive and accept the kingdom of God and the King. Jesus said, "*Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you*. The seventy were to tell them of the kingdom of God. Their job was not to convince them.

#### Luk 10:12 But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

- Jesus taught that the judgment would be according to the knowledge that people receive. Though the people of Sodom were unspeakably evil, a great witness had not been brought to them. By the time Lot came to the city of Sodom, he had so compromised his own witness that he failed to be a witness. Thus, when the day of judgment comes "*it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for* those cities" that had the opportunity to hear Jesus, rejecting the light that God brought to them.
- Sinning against the light, against the knowledge that you have is much worse than the sins that are committed by a person who has never had the opportunity to hear or to know. He will point out very clearly how that (*Luke 12:48b*) For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more. To whom little is given, little is required.

#### Woe to Unrepentant Cities

Luk 10:13-14 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For <u>if the mighty works</u> which were done in you <u>had been done</u> in Tyre and Sidon, <u>they would have repented long ago</u>, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. [14] But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

- Jesus speaks of the great works that were done in Chorazin, although the scriptures do not record any of them. Most of the recorded miracles were done in the city of Capernaum.
- But here is judgment pronounced against these cities who had seen the work of God. They had the opportunity to observe God's work and sinned against the knowledge that was brought to them in the teaching of Jesus.
- If we are to be judged by what we have been shown, where does that put us? We have the whole counsel of God, more available than ever before in the history of mankind! We have the Holy Spirit in us. So, where does that put us? You? Me?

Luk 10:15 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will <u>be brought down to Hades</u>.

• *Capernaum* was sort of the crown jewel of the sea of Galilee, but you will be brought down to Hades! These are tough words from the Ruler of the universe! Jesus warned the surrounding towns against rejecting the seventy because it meant rejecting Jesus and the Father.

Luk 10:16 <u>He who hears you hears Me</u>, he <u>who rejects you rejects</u> Me, and <u>he who rejects Me rejects</u> <u>Him who sent Me.''</u>

- Jesus is saying, Look, they are not really rejecting you, they are rejecting Me! That is an important thing for us to remember many times when we start to witness to people about Jesus Christ and they get angry and nasty. We tend to personalize it, feeling horrible because we don't like people to hate us.
- In reality Jesus said, it is I that they are rejecting! I am the One to whom they will not listen. He identifies with us as we go forth in His name to witness for Him that He says, Look, if they are not hearing you, they are really not hearing Me. If they are rejecting you, they are really rejecting Me. And if they are rejecting Me, they are also rejecting Him who sent Me.

#### The Return of the Seventy

Luk 10:17 Then the seventy returned <u>with joy</u>, saying, "Lord, <u>even the demons are subject to us in Your</u> <u>name</u>."

- They had gone forth and had ministered in the power of the Spirit. They came back rejoicing. The victories that they saw, the power that they had experienced even over the demonic spirits in the name of Jesus. It was through the name of Jesus that they practiced the exorcism!
- It is Jesus whom you have experienced personally. That is the power in your life, that personal relationship that you can have and should have with Him!

Luk 10:18 And He said to them, "I saw <u>Satan fall like lightning from heaven</u>.

- Is Jesus talking about the original fall of Satan? Lucifer, (*Isa 14:12-15; Eze 28:12-15*)? Is he talking about <u>his defeating him at the temptation in the wilderness</u>? Is He talking about (*Rev Chaps 12;20*)? It is interesting to read all of the scholarship that tries to set a time here.
- But I also understand also that Jesus is the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world. Before the world was even made, God was aware that redemption would be necessary. God was aware that there would be temptation. He was aware that man would fall, as well as the enemy.
- Satan is a spirit. In the heavenly realm where his fall occurred, it is in a timeless place. The answer to all of <u>those questions is yes</u>. But Jesus said I was one who was beholding. Satan was cast out of Heaven when he fell like lightning with a bang. I know. I was beholding all of that and he is the head of the demons, the anointed cherub. He was the highest of angelic beings! I watched him fall.

Luk 10:19 Behold, <u>I give you the authority</u> to trample on serpents and scorpions, and <u>over all the power</u> of the enemy, and <u>nothing</u> shall by any means <u>hurt you</u>.

• I have given you authority over serpents and scorpions; over all the power of the enemy. I have done that! They are not going to hurt you! Notwithstanding, and here is what He is getting to in His correction to them!

#### Luk 10:20 <u>Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice</u> <u>because your names are written</u> in heaven.''

- They came back rejoicing in the power that they had over the devils. Do not rejoice in that! But I rejoice in that my name is written in heaven!
- Understand your names are written in heaven, where Satan was cast out of. Your names are written in heaven. Capernaum had been lifted up, and there was failure. Your names are written there. Do not rejoice in the fact that demons are subject to you! <u>Rejoice in the scope of your ministry or these things!</u> Exorcism is a temporary gift. <u>Eternal life is not!</u> It goes on and on and on. The tenses are rather, *rejoice because your names* have been *written*. They are written and stand today, written in heaven!
- How much rejoicing is evident in my life because my name is written in heaven? Is it much? Little? Or almost none?

#### Jesus Rejoices in the Father's Will

Luk 10:21 In that hour <u>Jesus rejoiced</u> (only time) in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, <u>that You have hidden these things from</u> the wise and prudent and <u>revealed them to babes</u>. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

- **He had just received the report, these men are excited!** They are filled with joy; they have experienced His power. They are coming back with these stories of victories in the name of Jesus that they had witnessed. Jesus looks at them. They are just simple people, who have experienced the power and the dynamics of the power of God in their lives. And that just thrills you. He just was rejoicing in His Spirit as they told of what was done.
- *I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth!* I thank You for Your goodness! You hid these things from the wise and prudent, but You have revealed them unto babes. Today we feel the qualifications for the ministry are to go to a seminary for years. The greatest qualification for the ministry is a PhD, your master's and so forth, and you are thought to have become very wise, very prudent. You may be qualified for a ministry but in many cases, you are sort of disqualified from the power of the Spirit!
- Here there were people who were just simple. Jesus is rejoicing that God hid it from the wise and the prudent and revealed it unto the babes. <u>This means that every one of you is qualified for the ministry to serve the Lord</u>; To experience the power and the dynamic of the Spirit in your life; To go in the name of Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, healing the sick, bringing life and a message of life to the people around you, rejoicing in the power of God that you can experience in your life as you minister to others!

Luk 10:22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and <u>no one knows</u> who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

- **People really do not know God**. They think they know God. They have their own concepts and ideas of God but they do not know God unless Jesus has revealed the Father to them. God can only be known by revelation. Zophar said to Job, (*Job 11:7*) *Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?* God is not discovered through the intellectual quest of man but is known through the revelation of the Spirit!
- If you want to know God, <u>ask the Spirit to reveal Him</u> to you. (*Mat 11:27*) All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

# Luk 10:23-24 Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; [24] for I tell you that <u>many prophets and kings</u> have <u>desired to see what you see</u>, and have not seen it, and <u>to hear what you hear</u>, and have not heard it."

- **Paul speaks in his epistles of the mysteries that were not revealed in former generations** but are now being revealed by the Spirit. Ordinary believers such as you and me can experience the glorious indwelling of Christ in our lives. That it is Christ in you that is the hope of glory!
- Peter tells us (*1Pe 1:12*) To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into. The angels are amazed that the grace that God has bestowed on us. They desired to look into those things which God has done for those who believe in Him and trust in Him through Jesus Christ.

#### The Parable of the Good Samaritan

## Luk 10:25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and <u>tested Him</u>, saying, "<u>Teacher, what shall I do to</u> <u>inherit eternal life</u>?"

• This is the question that the rich, young ruler had a sked Jesus on another occasion. But this man is a lawyer.

• This lawyer is just asking, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" This a such a great question! Luk 10:26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

- What does *the law* say to you? He was a lawyer, who had studied the law. Most likely on his wrist there was a little box, the phylactery, which had a portion of the law in it. (*Deu 6:5*) *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.* Jesus said, You have the law. What does it say to you? How do you read it?
- Is my witness likely to prompt and answer this question? "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Am I always ready and looking, in love, to give such an answer?

Luk 10:27-29 So he answered and said, "'YOU <u>SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD</u> WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND,' and <u>'YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF</u>.''' [28] And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." [29] But he, <u>wanting to justify himself</u>, said to Jesus, "And <u>who is my</u> <u>neighbor</u>?"

- Now Jesus had said that actually in these two laws, that is <u>loving God supremely</u> and <u>your neighbor</u> <u>as yourself</u>, which is close to loving God supremely. In these two, all of the law and the prophets are summed up! Love God and love your neighbor! You have summed up the law and the prophets. That is the message, the heart of the message of the Old Testament!
- If you do that, you do not need all the others. The first table of the law is summed up in loving God supremely. The second table of the law is summed up in loving your neighbor as yourself. You have it all. The ten commandments are all right there. They are fulfilled if you do these two things. Usually, the ten commandments were in the negatives. Thou shall not, Thou shall not. This is very positive; You shall love the Lord Your God and your neighbor as yourself!
  - Who is my neighbor? The young man was wanting to justify himself.

Luk 10:30-31 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. [31] Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, <u>he passed by</u> on the other side.

• Jerusalem to Jericho is a journey of about eighteen miles, going down about three thousand feet in elevation. It is a steep path that goes down through canyons, having places where gangs and robbers

hung out. People generally never travelled on that road alone because of the danger, usually going in caravans for protection. But this man was journeying alone from Jerusalem down to Jericho,

• *Leaving him half dead.* The man probably looked like he was dead. If the priest touched him, he would be considered unclean for seven days. He would have to go through ritual bathing and all. Fearing that maybe the man might be dead, he was not even willing to touch him but just passed by on the other side.

Luk 10:32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

• **He at least looked at the guy.** The *priest* and the *Levite*, both were religious officials, saw their Jewish brother lying in his terrible condition; but neither of them did anything for him! They both *passed by on the other side*.

### Luk 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

• But a certain Samaritan. Jesus pulls out the knife now. The Jews hated the Samaritans. The moment Jesus said a certain Samaritan, they are probably thinking, Aha, the villain now, because the Samaritans were always the villains in the story. For Jesus to make a Samaritan the hero of the story, oh man, that does not set well! But Jesus shocked them by saying that the man who helped was a Samaritan!

Luk 10:34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

• **Instead of passing by the Samaritan loved him sacrificially, Christlike!** He did not wait to be asked. Seeing the need right in front of him was enough to make him respond, dressing the wounds, taking him to an inn!

### Luk 10:35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

• The Samaritan gave freely of both his time and resources, paying two days wages in advance for his care, offering to pay more later, if necessary.

Luk 10:36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

• Which of the three fulfilled the duty which one neighbor owes to another?

Luk 10:37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

- *Who is my neighbor?* The person who is in distress. The person who is in need. He is my neighbor.
- How does my life demonstrate that I have Jesus' definition of "Who is my neighbor? How close am I to being a "Good Samaritan?"

#### Martha and Mary

Luk 10:38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

- From the gospel of John, we know that the certain village was Bethany, which was Mary's town. She knew everybody in Bethany. Everybody knew Mary.
- It was Martha's house. Though both lived there, it was Martha's house. Martha was the home keeper, the homemaker. She was the domestic one. That was her domain. Whereas the village was Mary's domain.

Luk 10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

- She *also sat at Jesus' feet* (also *Joh 11;2,32; 12:3*). Mary is recognized by her posture at Jesus' feet, not by activity or busy-ness!
- Now Martha received Him into her house and Mary, her sister, *also sat at Jesus' feet heard His word. Who also sat* is suggested by some that it meant that she also was serving Jesus, she was helping and preparing the meal but she also sat at Jesus' feet. She took time out from the service to sit at Jesus' feet to hear His words. This is true to form. Martha, the homemaker, the one busy around the house, her domain, she is cooking up a storm. She is busy setting everything in order. Wanting to prepare the best for Him because of her love for Him.
- Martha was busy, busy preparing for a meal, while Mary sat at Jesus' feet, listening to Him! <u>Martha gets frustrated because Mary is not helping her</u>. There are things that need to be done. Mary is sitting there, learning from Jesus.
- Where would you be on that occasion? Being very busy, <u>serving</u> in the kitchen <u>or listening at His</u> <u>feet</u>?

#### Luk 10:40 But Martha <u>was distracted with much serving</u>, and she approached Him and said, "<u>Lord, do</u> <u>You not care</u> that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore <u>tell her to help me</u>."

- **Busy, busy in the serving**. Today there are people that match both types of personality. They are both good and they are both important. The story <u>is not really putting down Martha for all of her activity</u> for the Lord. That was her way of expressing love. **Serving, doing is not wrong!** But you can overdo it! You can do it to the point of destruction, to the point of neglect. <u>You can be so busy doing for the</u> Lord that you neglect the Lord Himself. We have to be careful of that!
- Mary was sitting there at the feet of Jesus just enjoying, just relaxing, hearing His word. Martha cumbered about with many things as she served. She is feeling pressure. I've got to get it done! I have to do this and that! She became upset because Mary was just sitting there relaxing and enjoying. And h ere she was just sort of hurried with all of the things, feeling she must do to make things just perfect for Jesus.
- *Lord, do You not care?* Do not let her just sit there! Tell her to go into the kitchen. Martha had come to the place where her service was no longer motivated just by the sheer love for Jesus but she was feeling pressured by it and <u>now complaining to Jesus</u>.
- We never want to get to that place where you find yourself complaining about what you are doing for the Lord. If you ever arrive at that place, then for God's sake, and for your sake, quit doing it! The Lord does not want any of us to complain about what we have done for Him or what we have given to Him.

## Luk 10:41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you <u>are worried and troubled</u> about many things.

• The repetition of her name is probably tender. Martha, Martha, you are just so burdened down, troubled, filled with care about all of these many things much more than are necessary.

# Luk 10:42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

- She wanted to study at the Master's feet! The phrase, "*But one thing is needed*" refers to listening to His words, which Mary had chosen to do, and that almost sounds like an admonition not to be helpful. No, <u>the focus</u> of this passage is <u>not that people should be unconcerned</u> with household chores, <u>but that the proper attitude toward Jesus is to listen to Him and obey His words</u>.
- Jesus recognizes that Mary has made a choice. She has said no to some things, and yes to being in His presence. Jesus is honoring that! He is saying the choice that she has made is not *going to be taken away from her*!
- Martha, look, you've made a good choice. Serving me, wanting to please me, wanting to do things that's good. He doesn't rebuke that. <u>He rebukes her attitude</u>. You've made a good choice. Mary has chosen that good part! <u>Mary has made the better choice</u>.
- How are we to live? May we be a Martha without a Martha attitude. Be a Mary! Better yet, <u>be a</u> <u>Martha who makes Mary's choices</u>. Because <u>you have to choose to make the choice to sit</u> alone with Jesus, which won't come by itself!
- As an illustration, we can look to Jesus as He gives us this concept in His letter to the church at Ephesus (*Rev 2:2-4*) "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; [3] and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. [4] <u>Nevertheless</u> I have this against you, that you have left your first love.
  - ✓ The Ephesians did a terrific job at keeping out false doctrine. They were really thorough and diligent on their doctrine, keeping out false doctrine. Jesus commended them for that.
  - ✓ Their diligence came at a cost. The Ephesians were very busy, but they were dead. They <u>had lost</u> their first love! They were so busy on the business of the King that they had no time for the King!
- You learn about Jesus Christ from the word of God. <u>But</u> you grow in fellowship <u>with Him in your</u> <u>devotional time!</u> Studying the Bible, memorizing, making outlines and all, that is great. But they do not replace devotional time <u>at Jesus' feet</u>! (Act 17:11) <u>These Bereans were more fair-minded</u> than those in Thessalonica, <u>in that they received the word with all readiness</u>, and <u>searched the Scriptures</u> <u>daily</u> to <u>find out whether these things were so</u>.
- Your fear of God comes from your devotional time! They were <u>so busy in the service</u> of the King <u>they did not have time for the King</u>. They needed to be more like Mary, sitting at the feet of Jesus! That is where we all need to be! <u>Not just hearing His word but meditating on it with Him</u>! **This is so very important!**

- No matter how much pressure, <u>how much busyness we get entangled</u> with, do not be robbed <u>of the</u> one thing that is needed, <u>the private time at Jesus' feet!</u> Have you chosen that good part?
- How serious am I about spending time alone at His feet? Is it always a daily thing? A weekly or monthly thing? **Or?**

#### SUMMARY

- If we are to be judged by what we have been shown, where does that put us? We have the whole counsel of God, more available than ever before in the history of mankind! We have the Holy Spirit in us. So, where does that put us? You? Me? (Luke 10:14) – To whom much is given; much is required!
- How much rejoicing is evident in my life because my name is written in heaven? Is it much? Little? Or almost none? (Luke 10:20) Rejoice because your name is written in heaven!
- Is my witness likely to prompt and answer this question, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Am I always ready and looking, in love, to give such an answer? If we (Luke 10:26) How strong is my love for the lost?
- How does my life demonstrate that I have Jesus' definition of "Who is my neighbor? How close am I to being a "Good Samaritan?" (Luke 10:37) Who is my neighbor? "Go and do likewise!"
- How serious am I about spending time alone at His feet? Is it always a daily thing? A weekly or monthly thing? Or? (Luke 10:42) One thing is needed, Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her! Is that "good part" my choice?

#### **CLOSING SONG**

**<u>O, TO BE LIKE THEE</u>** – Thomas Chisholm; William Kirkpatrick – London Fox Choir (2:56/2:59)

*O to be like Thee! blessed Redeemer; This is my constant longing and prayer; Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures, Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.* 

*Refrain - O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee! Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art; Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness; Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart. (2x)* 

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

NEXT WEEK: Read and study Luke Chapter 11!