

## Faith in the Real World

Luke 10:1- 24

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### Intro

In today's scripture, Jesus sends out 70 disciples to the places where Jesus is planning to soon go. He has spent a great amount of time teaching them, and now He wants to put their faith into practice in the real world.

We tend to want to spend time in our safe inner circle, but Jesus wants us to be living out our faith as lights in a dark world.

This section is about living out our faith in the real world.

### I. You Need a Partner

Vs 1            A. He sent them out two by two.

- You are way more vulnerable alone.

Illus-        Wolves attack those who are alone.

Illus-        I know someone who tried to convert an entire cult church alone. He ended up losing his faith and joining the cult. He should have had a partner, or not gone at all.

Vs 3

- Jesus said, I send you out as lambs amongst wolves."

B. You're never alone with true accountability.

- This requires an honest heart.

C. Don't wait for someone to find you.

- Don't be a victim.

- Focus on others rather than yourself and you will be blessed with many friends.

### II. Give Your Peace To Those You're With

Vs 5-6        A. What is it you give away to those around you?

- Peace?

- Grace?

- Irritation?

- Impatience?

It should be our goal that each person we interact with would say to themselves, "He's such a blessing to me."

Illus-        We leave footprints in the lives of everyone around us.

Vs 6            B. Notice that if their peace wasn't received it was simply returned.

- They were not to receive the lack of peace of the faithless person.

### III. You are the Kingdom of God

Vs 9

A. They were to say, “The Kingdom of God has come near to you.”

- Indicating that they were the Kingdom of God.

B. The Kingdom of God is wherever Christ is King.

- What does it mean to have Christ as King?
- Is He truly King in your life?
- This is an essential part of taking our faith out of the classroom and into the real world.

Illus - Adino, Eleazor and Shammah. David’s mighty men who wanted to satisfy David’s heart.

C. As the Kingdom of God in this world we are to have two effects:

- Vs 2            1. To lead people toward Christ.  
Vs 11, 16      2. To be a testimony against them.

### Conclusion

Keep your focus on your heart for the Lord rather than on outward things, even if they’re spiritual accomplishments **(Vs 20)**.

You began in the Spirit; will you be completed in the flesh? **(Galatians 3:3)**.

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.