

Bible Reading Together during this Covid-19 Shutdown

December 27-January 2: Read **Deuteronomy 28** & **Gospel of Luke 10**

Deuteronomy 28

Continuing Moses' last words to his people, Moses reiterates God's blessings and curses.

Further Study & Discussion

- Between blessing and curses, Moses begins with God's blessings (vv.1-14). Is that important? What God can do for us! Summarize God's blessings.
- Contrast the blessings, summarize the curses (v.15-68). It's a lot longer. Why is that? How is this an example of a loving God?
- We have both the blessing and the curses. Which blessing is most attractive for you? And which curse is the scariest?

Luke 10

Luke 10 begins with the mission of the seventy. It's of note that Jesus had more than twelve followers. He had them, plus this larger group of men, and the women who followed and took care of their meals.

Further Study & Discussion

- I had a friend of mine who read verse 2, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" and was convicted to become a pastor. Others have been challenged to become missionaries as a result of this verse. How does this verse stir you? What is it saying to you?
- Beginning v.13, we have the "woes to unrepentant cities." The Jewish cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum are compared to Tyre and Sidon, gentile cities. Capernaum stands out because that was Jesus' home base for three years of ministry. Jesus lived among them, but they are on this "unrepentant cities" list. What's going on? Can this apply to us Americans?
- The famous Parable of the Good Samaritan begins at v.25. What's the main point of the parable? Compare yourself to the Good Samaritan. What are some things you would do and some things you wouldn't do?
- And the famous story of Jesus at the home of Martha and Mary. Advocate for Martha the busybody in the story. And then advocate for Mary the lazy one.