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Written for Sunday, July 3, 2016

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary Year C

Scripture: [Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#) [**Summary:** *Jesus gives the disciples some chores to do.*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies needed

ASK (a.k.a [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- I have a questions for you: Do any of you have to do chores at home?
- And...what do you think of your chores?
- Do you think they are important?
- Do you LIKE them?
- Why do you think your family has you do them?
- [*Listen*]
- Thank you for sharing!

TELL (a.k.a [The Freeway](#))

- One reason I (did not) hear you say about why your family has you do chores is because doing chores helps you learn what you need to know in order to live on your own as an adult.
- Because, if you don't learn now how to take care of yourself, your stuff, and the place where you live, then you're going to have a lot harder time learning those things when you are living on your own and don't have someone right there to help show you how to do what you need to do.
- I bring this up, because, in today's scripture story, we see Jesus giving his disciples some chores to do.
- Jesus isn't giving the chores to the disciples because Jesus can't do the work himself, but because at some point Jesus isn't going to be able to do these chores for them.

- And did you hear what the actual things the disciples were supposed to do?
- A whole bunch of things, right?
 - They were to go out among the people.
 - And teach them about how the Kingdom of God is near.
 - They were to share God's peace with the households who welcomed them.
 - They were to eat whatever was given to them.
 - And they were to cure the sick.
- So what happened – how well did the disciples do their chores?

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- That's right! The disciples did their chores very well!
- I know that chores are not fun – which is why I want you to notice that the disciples were **excited** that they were able to do the chores.
- Not only were the disciples excited about the chores they were able to do, they also learned that they could do what their teacher, Jesus, did – even if Jesus wasn't physically with them.
- And, if the *disciples* can do that, then so can we!
- We too can learn from Jesus (by reading the stories about him) about how to pay attention to God
- Then, just like the disciples did in today's story, we too can share what we've learned about God, as well as share God's peace and healing love with the people around us.
- And that is the good news for today.
- Let's close with a repeat-after-me prayer...

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God,

Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus...

Thank you for Jesus...

...who helps us know...

...who helps us see...

...how to live your better way...

...how to live your better way...

...just like Jesus did.

...just like Jesus did.

Thank you and Amen