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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Year C

Scripture: [Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#) [**Summary:** *The Disciples Do Some Chores*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies needed.

ASK (a.k.a. *The On-Ramp*)

- Good morning!
- I have a question 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? [*wait for answers*]
- Why do you think your family has you do them? [*listen*]
- Thank you for sharing!
- I want to share one more reason why your family has you do chores that you might not be considering: Doing chores helps you learn what to do when you live on your own as an adult.
- I know this might be discouraging to hear, but once you're an adult, there are even *more* chores to do.
- And, your family knows that 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 older and living by yourself – so they start teaching you that stuff now by having you do the chores you are doing.

TELL (a.k.a. *The Freeway*)

- I bring this up, because, in today's scripture story, we see Jesus giving his disciples some chores to do.
- And he's giving them chores for the same reasons we just talked about why your family gives you chores – so that they'll know how to do the things Jesus thinks is important once they are out in the world without him.

- The chores Jesus gave the disciples were a little bit different than house chores, though. Did you hear what the actual things the disciples were supposed to do in today's story?
- A whole bunch of things, right?
 - They were to go out among the people.
 - They were to teach the people 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?
- That's right! The disciples did their chores very well!

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

- I know that chores are sometimes not very fun – which is why I want you to notice that the disciples were **excited** that they were able to do the chores that Jesus gave them.
- One of the reasons they were excited was because they were seeing that they could do what their teacher, Jesus, did – even if Jesus wasn't physically with them.
- Today's story reminds us that in the same way the disciples learned to do what Jesus did, so can we!
- We too can learn from Jesus how to pay attention to God and invite God into our lives.
- 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.
- That's the good news for today.
- Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God,
Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus...
Thank you for Jesus...

...who helps us learn...
...who helps us learn...

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

...and share it with others...
...and share it with others...

...just like he did.
...just like he did.

Thank you and Amen