

Cultivating Fruitfulness
Bible Study
Lesson 7: Risk Taking Service

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We Have the Vision to be a LEARNING Church!
We are Rooted in Christ and Reaching the One!

INTRODUCTION:

Risk Taking Service-in simple terms relates to outside the norm actions we take in service for Christ. Whether it involves helping homeless people or at-risk children, risk taking always pushes us beyond our comfort zone. Additionally, risk taking always involves putting others first and has a component of sacrifice. In this lesson we will discover what it means to take risk in ministry and how Jesus blesses those who are willing to take risks for Him.



Check in Question: Discuss a difficult conversation you have had with someone? What made the conversation difficult and how did you overcome the challenge?

Read Luke 10: 1-20

What are the major actions happening in this passage?

1. Jesus sends _____ to do _____ ?
2. Notice verse 3. What does it mean to be a lamb among wolves? What dangers are implied in this verse? How would you have felt if Jesus sent you out to do ministry without any financial support (vs. 4) or a place to eat or sleep (vs. 5-8)?

WHAT IS JESUS TRYING TO TEACH HIS DISCIPLES AND US?

The Reality of Ministry

In verse 2 we see Jesus indicating a sad reality about ministry. “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” How does this reality impact the Christian church?

Did you know?

Data: The Association of Religious Data for St. Louis County reported that over \$400, 000 people in the area are unchurched or unsaved. How does this relate to Luke 10: 2?

How can you impact the harvest?

Practical steps to service. As a group, create a list of service activities that your church can do now. Think simple and straightforward. Remember, service opens the door to salvation. Include a step where you can talk to people about their salvation and pray for them. Think about the people you are most concerned with. For Pastor Ken, his current concern is for unchurched men.

List your ideas here!

IDEA	How can it be done?
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	

The Risk

When we are working for Christ, there are real or perceived risks. When we decide to the actions on your list, what are the potential risks?

IDEA	Potential Risk
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	

The Reward/Promise!

Luke 10: 17 and 20



When the disciples return from going out into the ministry “field”, they find that everything Jesus promised they can accomplish. They respond by celebrating their success!

How does Jesus respond to their celebration? _____

What does this teach us about the risks we perceive? _____

In verse 20, Jesus tells the disciples the greater reward for their service. What is that reward? _____ What does it mean to have your name written in the Lamb's book of life? (See Revelations 20:12, 1 John 5:3, and John 3:16)

(To get our names in the Lamb's Book of Life, we must first accept Christ and then do our part as Christians, despite the risks involved)

The Reward is: _____

IS IT WORTH THE RISK?

SERVICE TO OTHERS IS WORTH THE RISK BECAUSE: (GIVE YOUR ANSWER)!

SO, GET TO WORK!

