Small Group Discussion Guide (Week of December 5, 2021)

Open your group with a time of sharing and prayer. Continue the discussion on a possible group Christmas project if you haven't decided yet.

I. Have you ever gone on a missions trip? Where did you go and what happened? Take some time today to look at two missions trips recorded in Luke. Read *Luke 9:1-6*. What was the disciples' exact assignment? Why did Jesus tell them to limit their resources?

According to <u>Luke 9:10</u>, what happened when they returned? Compare this with our missionary reports from a) Tijuana trips b) Visiting missionaries. How can we get more people at church to go on missions trips?

II. Now read <u>Luke 10:1-12</u>. Who is headed out this time? Who might these 72 others be? What was their assignment? How did it compare with the 12 disciples' mission in Luke 9?

Now read *Luke 10:17-22*. Summarize the results from this second trip. How does Jesus encourage that group?

Note verses 21-22 again. What lessons can people only learn by experience, i.e. going out and doing things for Jesus? Again, how can we help develop people's faith by giving them missions (ministry) projects to do? Any ideas?

III. Finally, read <u>Matthew 28:18-20</u>. In what sense are all Christians living out Jesus' mission project for the world? What are our instructions? What does Jesus promise us? How are we doing in fulfilling our mission here in this community?

Close your group in prayer.



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