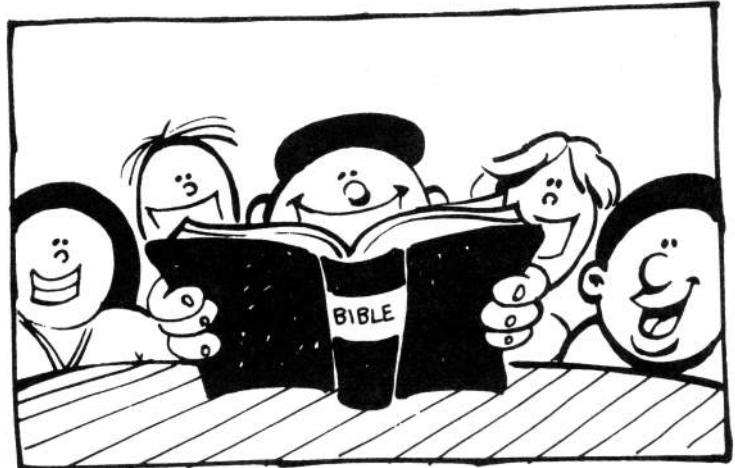


The Seventy-two Disciples of Christ (Saturday, October 4)

A Bible Study for Junior Highers

Have the class read Luke 10:1-9 which is the reading in the Armenian Church lectionary for that day. Introduce the passage this way:

"We are about to read a fascinating story. It's about seventy-two people sent out by Jesus to go before Him and prepare the townspeople for His future visit. Now some of our Bibles might say it was seventy, but there are older manuscripts of the Bible that say seventy-two and the Armenian Church follows that number. That's not the important thing, though. Let's read the story." *(Have students read aloud a verse at a time, asking them to pay close attention. You can discuss questions at the end of each verse or at the end of the entire reading.)*



Discussion questions:

1. How did Jesus send out the disciples? (in pairs)
2. Was that a useful way? Why not one by one? (companionship, help, joining of skills)
3. What does the famous line: "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" mean? (there are many people ready to follow Jesus but there are not enough people to teach and encourage them)
4. In verse 2, what prayer is Jesus asking us to pray? (pray for more people to do His work in the world)
5. Why do you think He asked this? (He is setting an important example: before taking any action on God's behalf, pray for help!)
6. What kinds of people do you think are needed in the Armenian Church today? (accept all serious answers)
7. Why did Jesus say He was sending them like "lambs into the midst of wolves" (v.3)? (they would surely meet with opposition)
8. Why not carry anything or greet anyone on the way (v.4)? (travel with no possessions so you have nothing to care about but the job you have to do; don't be distracted by other conversations or diversions)
9. Jesus said (v.7) the laborers "deserve to be paid." How can we support the people who work in the church, people like our pastor and others? (salary, encouragement, support, friendship)
10. What were the specific directions Jesus told these disciples to follow once they arrived in a new town? (enter a home peacefully and with love; accept hospitality graciously; cure the sick as a sign of God's coming glory)

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QUESTIONS

1. The number of students enrolled in 2000 was 10,000. In 2001, the number of students enrolled was 12,000. Calculate the percentage increase in the number of students enrolled from 2000 to 2001.
2. The number of students enrolled in 2002 was 15,000. Calculate the percentage increase in the number of students enrolled from 2001 to 2002.
3. The number of students enrolled in 2003 was 20,000. Calculate the percentage increase in the number of students enrolled from 2002 to 2003.
4. The number of students enrolled in 2004 was 25,000. Calculate the percentage increase in the number of students enrolled from 2003 to 2004.
5. The number of students enrolled in 2005 was 30,000. Calculate the percentage increase in the number of students enrolled from 2004 to 2005.
6. The number of students enrolled in 2006 was 35,000. Calculate the percentage increase in the number of students enrolled from 2005 to 2006.