

Catechism Lesson for Adults and Teens
Feast of St. Luke

Jesus Sends Out The 70

Read the Gospel Passage. Luke 10:16-21

Contextual Background:

-The Seventy mentioned in this reading are the “Apostles”. Apostle means to send out. Jesus sent out these chosen apostles during His Earthly Ministry. Later, when He Ascended to Heaven and sent us The Holy Spirit, the 3rd person in the Trinity, more “Apostles” were sent out, to Rome, Greece, the Middle East, and all parts of the Mediterranean and beyond!

-Today is the Feast Day of St. Luke the Evangelist. He is called an Evangelist because he wrote a book on the life of Jesus, or the “Evangelion / Good News of Jesus”. Not only did St. Luke write this book, but he also wrote the Book of Acts of the Apostles, and was also an accomplished doctor/surgeon of his time.

Discussion Questions:

1. What sort of “power” or grace were the Apostles bestowed according to them and according to Christ? Which did Christ say was the grace/power that they should be happiest for? (MULTIPLE CHOICE)
 - a. They could trample on scorpions and snakes
 - b. They could cast out demons in Jesus’ name
 - c. Their names were written in the book of life—this was the greatest!
2. When the Apostles are amazed at the power Jesus’ name has, what does Jesus say He saw “fell like lightning”? (MULTIPLE CHOICE)
 - a. A shooting star
 - b. A satellite
 - c. A comet
 - d. Satan
3. Jesus sent out the Apostles to “spread the Gospel” or spread the Good News that salvation has come to the entire world through Jesus Christ the Son of God.
 - a. What are some ways we can be Apostles and spread the Good News? (DISCUSSION)
 - b. Today, where might be some places we need to be “sent to” to serve, to love, to share Christ? (DISCUSSION)

4. When Jesus sent out the Apostles, he sent them out in teams of 2.
 - a. What are some advantages of worshipping and serving God as a team, as a Church? (DISCUSSION)

 - b. Who might you imagine Jesus would send you with if you were an Apostle? Who is someone supportive in your prayer/spiritual life? (DISCUSSION)

5. What is the “comfort or danger” of “aligning” oneself with Jesus? (DISCUSSION)

6. What are some of the challenges of “spreading the Gospel” or sharing our faith? How might some people react to our sharing? (DISCUSSION)

7. Jesus sent His Apostles “like sheep among wolves”. Have you felt like a sheep among wolves? Why? (DISCUSSION)

8. The Apostles were happy or proud about the power Jesus had given them, to be able to cast out demons and defeat evil. Are there parts of your faith you feel proud of or strengthened by? (DISCUSSION)