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DWELLING IN THE WORD

A devotional resource for committees & teams

Genesis 12:1-3 (NRSV)

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Isaiah 55:3-5 (NRSV)

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for
he has glorified you.

Luke 10:1-7 (NRSV)

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

1. Provide pencils/pens and a copy of this handout to each team member.

2. Read aloud a Scripture passage from the suggestions to the left. Invite listeners to **circle words or phrases** that they notice as the Scripture is read.

3. Allow a few moments of silence for quiet reflection. Then, **share** your observations with each other.

4. If time, invite those present to **respond** to one or more of these questions:

* If I were reading these verses online, which words or phrases would I like to “link” to further information? Further historical information?

* What literary insights (grammar, characters, theme, setting) would help me better understand this passage?

* How do teachings of the Christian faith (perhaps, from a Lutheran perspective) help me better understand this passage?

* What do I hear God saying to me in this passage? Does anything come to mind for the topic before us today?

5. Pause for prayer, giving thanks for God’s word shared here today.

What other theme would you like to consider?

Which Scripture verses could you read?

What questions might you ask?

