

THE SENDING OF THE SEVENTY

Bible Text: Matthew 8:19-22; 10:6-16; Luke 10:1-16

Lesson Focus: Jesus equips disciples with power—now as then—and sends them out to spread the good news.

Big Question: How am I supposed to be a missionary?

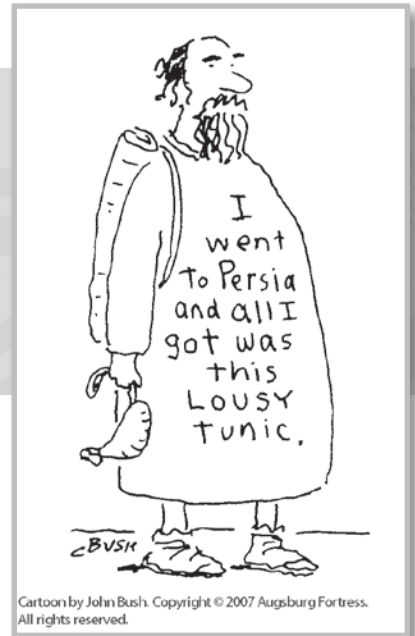
Key Words: DISCIPLE, MISSIONARY, EQUIP, ENLIST

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] Did you know that Jesus didn't have just 12 disciples?
-] Jesus sent out a group of about 70 disciples in pairs (Luke 10:1-16).
-] Some translations of Luke say 70; others say 72. Either way, it was a lot.
-] Jesus sent the disciples into places that may not have welcomed them (Luke 10:3).
-] Jesus had specific instructions for what they were to do, and not do, when they arrived in a community (Luke 10:4-9).
-] This group of 70-plus people can be considered the first Christian missionaries.
-] Missionaries today are sent into all kinds of places (some friendly, some unfriendly) to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.
-] You can be a missionary in your own community—you don't have to travel to another country to tell others about Jesus.

CARTOON CONNECTION

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">] Describe the traditional or stereotypical missionary. Is this a positive or negative image?] How far do you have to travel in order to be a missionary? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">] What does a missionary "get" out of being a witness to his or her faith?] How can you be a missionary or support the missionary work of the ELCA? |
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STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 290: How to Invite a Friend or Neighbor to Church without Terrifying Them

-] How could you apply these ideas to your own life?

Here We Stand Student Book page 109: The Holy Land—New Testament Times

-] It is approximately seven miles (11 km) from Jerusalem to Emmaus.
-] How far is it from Tyre to Sidon to Capernaum?
-] How long would it take to walk that far?

Here We Stand Student Book page 212: How to Care for the Sick

-] Who in your life is sick in body, mind, or spirit?
-] How can you care for these people?

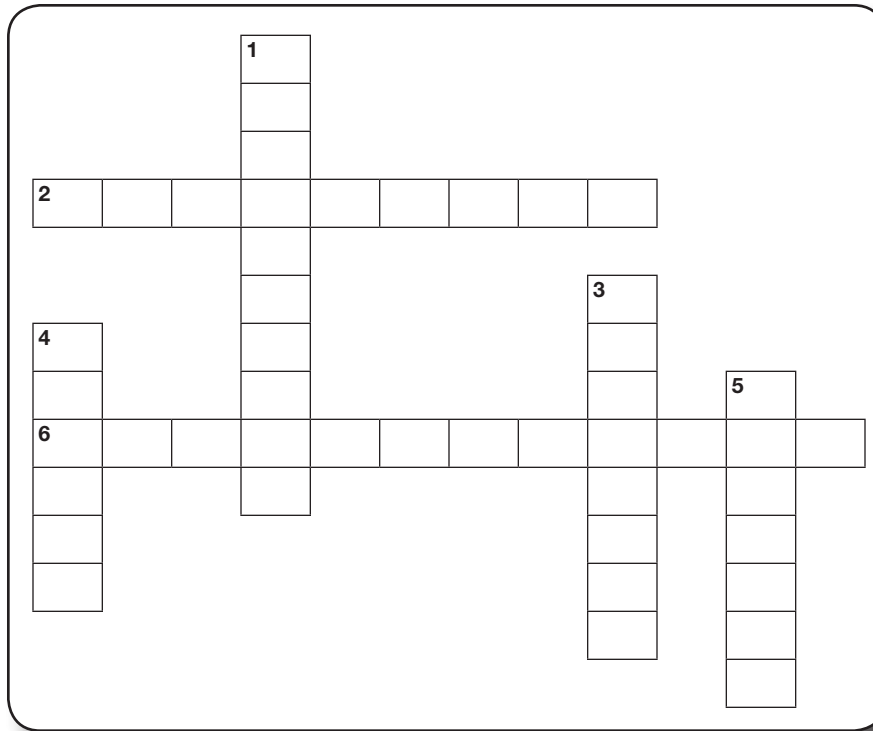
LIFE CONNECTION

Make a plan to help at least one person during the next week. Perhaps you can send a Get Well card, or write a note letting someone know you are thinking of him or her. Perhaps you can add those people to your prayers. Be prepared to tell your group about your efforts when you meet together again.

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Crossword

Write the correct answers for each clue in the crossword puzzle below.



ACROSS

2. The harvest is _____, but the laborers are few (Luke 10:2).
6. The name for people who tell others about Jesus.

DOWN

1. The act of sharing the story of salvation in Jesus Christ (Student Book page 191).
3. One of the cities on which Jesus pronounced a woe (Luke 10:13).
4. The disciples were amazed that _____ fled from them (Luke 10:17).
5. The number of people Jesus sent out in Luke 10.

Answers: Across 2. plentiful 6. missionaries Down 1. evangelism 3. Chorazin 4. demons 5. seventy