

OPENING (10-15 minutes)

- Describe a time when you were sent out on an assignment or mission. What guidelines were given to you? How did you prepare?
- What insights from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful? Most troubling?

CLARIFYING THE TEXT (20-30 minutes)

Read the passage aloud in your group. Use the questions below to dig in to Jesus’ words.

- What do you notice most as you read this entire text?
- Jesus appoints and sends out seventy-two “others.” Who do these “others” represent?
- Picture a lamb walking into a pack of wolves. What warnings or dangers might Jesus be preparing them for? What are your feelings as you seek to be a witness?
- What kind of preparation is needed for the mission? Why might these guidelines be needed?
- What were the main roles of the mission (verses 8-9)?
- What kinds of rewards might be expected from this mission?
- Why do people respond differently to the gospel? How does this influence the actions of the one who is sharing?

Additional texts to consider:

- Matthew 9:35-38
- 1 Corinthians 5:17-21

OBEYING: How can you be more in sync with Jesus? (20 minutes)

- What place, or to what people, has Jesus appointed and sent you? What will it mean to respond to his call?
- Write down at least one thing you can do this coming week. Pray for one another to have courage and joy in the mission.

PRAYING: *Close your group in prayer for each other to keep in sync with Jesus.*

