

Week 4 (Mar. 8) — Lambs on Assignment: Commissioned Without Compromise

Text: Luke 10:1–16 (NKJV)

Core Truth

Jesus sends ordinary believers with authority, simplicity, and courage—like lambs among wolves.

Opening

Family, Jesus doesn't just correct disciples—He commissions them. Luke's Gospel shows us a Savior who not only calls people to Himself, but forms them, cleans them, and then sends them.

In **Week 1 (Luke 9:49–50)**, Jesus corrected **control**. The disciples tried to shut down someone moving in Jesus' name because he was "not with us." Jesus taught them: *You don't own the Kingdom. You don't control the move of God. You discern it.*

In **Week 2 (Luke 9:51–56)**, Jesus corrected **harshness**. Rejection triggered James and John, and they wanted to call fire like Elijah. Jesus rebuked them: *You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.* Because rejection will try to make you cruel—and if you don't let Jesus heal you, you'll start calling harshness holy.

In **Week 3 (Luke 9:57–62)**, Jesus corrected **conditions and excuses**. Three men said, "I will follow... but first." Jesus exposed divided allegiance: *No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Kingdom.* Because excuses don't follow Jesus.

Now in **Week 4 (Luke 10:1–16)**, after Jesus deals with **control**, **harshness**, and **conditions**, He does something powerful:

He sends.

And He tells the truth about the assignment:

- The harvest is ready.
- The laborers are few.
- The world can be hostile.
- Rejection is real.

But He still commissions His people.

Jesus sends us with peace and power—without compromise, without carnality, and without carrying offense.

Read Luke 10:1–3, 9–11, 16

10 After these things the Lord appointed [a]seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. ² Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

⁹ And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘The very dust of your city which clings to [a]us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.’

¹⁶ He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.

- v.1–2 (sent two by two; harvest plentiful; pray for laborers)
- v.3 (lambs among wolves)
- v.9–11 (heal; proclaim Kingdom; shake dust if rejected)
- v.16 (hears you/hears Me; rejects you/rejects Me)

Sermon Flow (Revival Night / 45–55 min)

I. The Harvest Is Ready—Laborers Are the Issue

“The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few...” (v.2)

Family, Jesus does not say the harvest is small. He says the harvest is **plentiful**. The problem is not the need. The problem is the number of people willing to obey.

A. *The harvest is not a theory—it’s people*

- People who are bound
- People who are confused
- People who are hurting
- People who are far from God

The harvest isn’t out there as a concept—it’s your neighbor, your coworker, your family, your city.”

B. *Jesus commands prayer—but prayer is not an excuse to stay*

“Therefore pray... to send out laborers...” (v.2)

Prayer is the first step, but it is not the finish line.

Prayer is not a substitute for obedience—it’s the fuel for it.”

C. God is answering prayers by sending people

Some of us have been praying for revival while refusing to be a witness.

“If you keep praying for the harvest but won’t go into it, you’re asking God to do what He already told you to do.”

II. Pray, Then Go: Commission Requires Movement (8–10 min)

“Go your way...” (v.3)

Jesus ties prayer to action.

A. The Kingdom advances through sent people

God uses ordinary believers who will say yes.

The anointing is not for the stage—it’s for the streets.

B. Two by two means we don’t do this alone

Jesus sends them in pairs—covering, accountability, courage.

You don’t need a crowd to obey—just enough courage to go.

III. We Are Sent as Lambs, Not Wolves

“I send you out as lambs among wolves.” (v.3)

Jesus is honest: the world can be hostile. But He is also clear: you are not sent to become what you’re surrounded by.

A. Lambs don’t win by becoming predators

We don’t win people by becoming:

- aggressive
- carnal
- cruel
- sarcastic
- prideful

If you have to become a wolf to survive the assignment, you missed the Sender.

B. Lambs carry a different spirit

This is the fruit of the whole series.

- Week 1: no control
- Week 2: no harshness
- Week 3: no excuses
- Week 4: no compromise

Jesus corrected our hearts so He can trust our hands.

C. Courage is not cruelty

Boldness is not bitterness. Authority is not arrogance.

You can be firm without being fleshly.

IV. Jesus Gives a Simple Method: Peace, Presence, Proclamation

Jesus doesn't give them a complicated system. He gives them a simple, repeatable pattern.

A. Speak peace

“First say, ‘Peace to this house.’” (v.5)

Peace is not weakness—it's a weapon.

We don't enter homes carrying drama—we enter carrying peace.

B. Stay focused (presence)

Jesus teaches them to avoid distraction and instability (v.7).

Line to preach: **“Focused faithfulness beats scattered effort.”**

C. Heal the broken

“Heal the sick there...” (v.9)

We represent a healing King.

The gospel is not only announced—it's demonstrated.

D. Proclaim the Kingdom

“And say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’” (v.9)

This is our message: Jesus reigns, Jesus saves, Jesus restores.

We are not selling a vibe—we are proclaiming a King.

V. Rejection Is Real—But It's Not Your Identity (8–10 min)

Jesus prepares them for rejection.

“But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you... shake off the very dust...” (v.10–11)

A. Don't carry offense into your next assignment

Shaking dust means: don't take it personally, don't internalize it, don't let it poison you.

Offense is a weight that will make you quit.

B. Rejection is information—not a definition

It tells you where not to stay. It does not tell you who you are.

Rejection is real, but it is not your identity.

C. Heaven validates the sent one

“He who hears you hears Me... and he who rejects you rejects Me.”
(v.16)

This is Jesus saying: *You're not alone out there. I stand behind My sent ones.*

When you speak for Jesus, Jesus takes it personally.

This week:

1. **Choose one person** to pray for and speak peace over.
 - Pray their name out loud.
 - Ask God for an open door.
 - Speak peace when you see them.
1. **Practice focused faithfulness** instead of scattered effort.
 - One assignment.
 - One step of obedience.
 - One act of courage.
1. **Refuse bitterness** when you're not received.
 - Shake the dust.
 - Bless and keep moving.

Transition to Altar Call

Family, you can't carry the gospel with power if your heart is still heavy.

Jesus corrected us so He can send us.

The truth is: you can't represent Him if you don't belong to Him. You can't preach His Kingdom while resisting His Lordship.

Today, Jesus is calling people to:

- **salvation** (come to Him)
- **rededication** (come back to Him)
- **commission** (say yes to His sending)

Altar Call (Salvation + Rededication + Commission) (10–14 min)

Call 1: Salvation

If you're not right with God—I am speaking to you. Sin will keep you in darkness, but Jesus saves. Lift up your hands and confess Jesus is Lord over your life.

Call 2: Rededication

If you've drifted, grown cold, or compromised—I am speaking to you. If you've been carrying offense, excuses, harshness, or control—Jesus restores. Lift your hands and lay those things at his feet, come home.

Call 3: Commission

If you know God has been calling you to step into obedience—I am speaking to you. Move now. Not later. Not when it's convenient. Not when you feel fearless. Now, Lift your hands and say never-the-less Lord I will do your will. It is well with my soul.

Prayer (lead the room)

Lord Jesus, we surrender to You. Save the lost and restore the wandering. Forgive us for control, for harshness, for excuses, and for compromise. Heal our hearts so we don't minister from wounds.

Make us clean vessels and faithful laborers. Fill us with Your Spirit. Send us with Your peace, Your power, and Your purpose. Give us courage as lambs among wolves. And let our lives proclaim that the Kingdom of God has come near.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Declaration

We are lambs on assignment.

We will not compromise to be accepted.

We will not become wolves to win wolves.

We will carry peace into every place.

We will heal the broken and proclaim the Kingdom.

We will shake the dust of rejection.

We will not carry offense.

We will obey quickly and represent Jesus faithfully.

Closing

Family, this is the path Jesus walks us through: from **control** to **compassion** to **commission**.

He corrects our hearts so He can trust our hands. And when He sends us, He sends us with authority, peace, and purpose.

So from now on, go as lambs on assignment—commissioned without compromise. And remember: **He who hears you hears Him.**