



# All Christians' Fellowship International

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## *Interactive Sunday School Outline*

**TOPIC:** Community Commissioned

**TEXT:** Luke 10:1-20

**Instructions** - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone can participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone equal opportunity to participate.*

**Introduction** – The word evangelism summons many colourful images. Some think immediately of the street-corner character, preaching and pounding his Bible as folks quickly walk by. Some picture the television preachers who inhabit certain cable channels. Others think about a big arena crusade, with the converted pouring down the aisles as the "invitation" music plays. For many of us, the word evangelism inspires feelings of vague uneasiness and guilt.

Few associate evangelisms with community activity. In the New Testament, however, it is almost always a pair or group of believers who share their faith. Even Paul travelled with partners. Luke's Gospel gives an account of Jesus commissioning his community to spread their faith (Luke 9:1-6). Later he sent out a larger group of followers on a similar mission.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Describe Which of these words or phrases come to your mind when you think of the word evangelism? Pressure; Sharing the good news; TV preachers; Guilt that I don't do it enough; A crusade in a big arena with a famous preacher; Going out on the streets talking to strangers; Fear; A church committee; Other.

What are some reasons you may hesitate to share your faith with someone?

2. What are some appealing and unappealing features of the work Jesus gave these seventy-two people?
3. When has the Lord given you a job that had both blessings and dangers?
4. Why do you think Jesus sent these people out in pairs (v. 1)?
5. How do you account for Jesus' two prohibitions in verse?
6. How do those cautions apply to believers today who want to carry out Jesus' mission?
7. Consider the responsibility given to believers in verse 16. How should that encourage us?
8. How should that responsibility humble us?
9. What was the response of the seventy-two to their completed mission (v. 17)?
10. How did Jesus characterize the nature of their mission (vs. 18-19)?
11. What Jesus cautioned against an attitude of spiritual arrogance in verse 20. How might a Christian who is active in witnessing fall into such arrogance?
12. What are some ways your community of believers reaches out to others in active witness?
13. How can your community of believers work together to better carry out the work of evangelism?
14. What role do you see yourself playing in the evangelistic work of your fellowship?
15. Brainstorm ways your leadership Team can plan an outreach activity. It can be anything that brings you into positive and friendly contact with people who need your witness.