

THE MASTER'S PLAN

- The Foundation -

Ice-Breaker:

- What is the purpose of the church? [Discuss some things you think God intended the church do.]
- Verbalize your response to someone who says: *'I can believe in God without going to church.'*

Discussion:

1. **Read Luke 9:1-9.** Why do you think Jesus tells the disciples to take nothing with them for their journey?
2. **Read Luke 10:1-12.**
 - Why would Jesus send the workers out two by two?
 - How do you think the disciples felt when they were told they would be *'like lambs among wolves'*? Does this statement still apply to us as the church?
3. **Read Luke 10:17-21.**
 - What authority did Jesus give to the 72?
 - What does Jesus mean in Luke 10:19 when He says: *'nothing will harm you'*?
 - Why is Jesus thankful to the Father?
 - What role does joy play in the ministry described in this passage?
4. **Read Matthew 9:36-38.**
 - What is the rationale for missions (local or foreign)?
 - How does compassion differ from pity or sympathy?
5. **Read Acts 20:35; Mark 10:35-44.** What benefits does one receive from going and serving others?

Personal Application:

- We know there are many people in need of God, so what keeps us from reaching out with urgency, more regularly?
- In what ways do you think God may be asking you to reach out to others? What might be your next step?