

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, July 6, 2025

Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's YouTube channel. This week, we consider Jesus' plan to spread his word in a humble, needy position, not in "strength" or "power." Click here:

<https://youtu.be/zYXQZ8KeEvU> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- In this reading, Jesus appoints seventy-two people, in pairs, to go out ahead of him. They are not to carry a purse, bag or sandals. When they arrive in each town, they will offer peace to the first house they pick, and that house will either be welcoming or not.
- If the house is welcoming, they are expected to eat what the house offers, and to live there during their stay. If the town is not welcoming, however, they are to make quite a show of wiping the dust from their sandals as they move on.
- The plan seems tough, but it works. The seventy-two return, joyous that they have healed those in need and cast out demons in Jesus' name. But Jesus cautions; don't rejoice at what you can do, but the fact that you have a place in heaven.

Two Questions

- What would be the hardest part of Jesus' charge for you? Can you imagine leaving everything behind? Can you imagine deliberately putting yourself in a position of need – forced to ask perfect strangers, in a place you don't know, for help, food and lodging? Why do you think Jesus asked these seventy-two to spread his word while weak and humbled rather than with a show of power?
- Why do you think Jesus told the happy, successful people not to be joyous about their "own" power to heal and cast out demons? Aren't you happy to use the gifts God has given you? So where is Jesus asking our hearts to be, even as we help others?

Action Step

- Be willing to put yourself in a humble position to help others and spread God's word!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!