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TABLE TALK

Lord of the Harvest

Prepare:

As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from Matthew 28:18-20):

- C: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus,
R: Who calls us to go and make disciples of all nations,
C: Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
R: Teaching them to observe all that he has commanded us.

Read: Luke 10:1-12; 17-20 (ESV)

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. 2 And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. 7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. 9 Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 11 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' 12 I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town....

17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" 18 And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Reflect:

Those who bear the name of Christ are sent into the world to proclaim the Kingdom of God has come in Jesus.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage means for you as a family. Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Praying:

The head of the household prays:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending laborers into the harvest field, that we might hear the good news that Jesus has come for us. Help us to proclaim that same good news to the world. In Jesus's name, Amen.