

# Getting in the Game

Part 8 of the *Disciple* series

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*After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.*

Luke 10:1-3

Being a disciple isn't about learning the game so you can sit in the stands. It's about learning the game so you can get in the game.

*Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.*

2 Timothy 2:1-2 NLT

We seldom feel ready or qualified to get on the playing field but Jesus asks us to anyway.

The right approach to becoming involved in ministry:

- I do, you watch.
- I do, you help.
- You do, I help.
- You do, I watch (and cheer!).

*The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."*

Luke 10:17-20

Being a disciple involves a willingness to move beyond your own personal comfort to serve the hurting & broken world around you.

When you move from being a comer to being a goer, you begin to taste the joy of being involved in the transformation of people's lives.

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## Next Steps

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- When it comes to being someone who is serving others & helping others follow Jesus, are you watching from the stands, standing on the sidelines, or playing in the game? Explain.
- Read through Luke 10:1-3. What does Jesus say about the harvest? What is the harvest that he's talking about? What's needed in order to bring in the harvest? What does or could your role look like in bringing in the harvest?
- Read through the approach mentioned above to becoming involved in ministry. Tell about a time when someone walked alongside of you & did this approach with you. Who could you begin taking this approach with (*maybe a child, a friend, a small group member*)?
- Tell about the most exciting experience you've had serving people. What made it exciting?