The Extra Ordinary Neighborhood Church: Extra Ordinary Luke 9:1-2, 10:1 September 8, 2019

WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

- 1. Who is someone you would regard as "extraordinary"? What makes them stand out as so distinguished?
- 2. Is it better to be ordinary or extraordinary? Why?
- 3. What drew you first to God parents, church, friends, circumstances? Do you think this experience would be interesting to others?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Read the above passages in Luke. Why is it significant for Luke the writer to not name who the 72 people are?
- 2. Why do you think God would be interested in working through ordinary people? Or working through people in the first place?
- 3. Pastor Jason states that sometimes growth of the early church was slow but steady, but in other instances, we have heard about large numbers of people coming to faith in a short time. Which stories tend to influence our modern-day attitudes towards growth?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- 1. What Christian values may make you different from the society around you?
- 2. Pastor Jason presented the case that seeing "ordinary Christian lives" being lived out was a reason for many people coming to faith. Is this still likely or viable today?
- 3. What are some "ordinary things" that might make others take notice of God's influence in our lives? Do they always have to be counter-cultural?
- 4. Pastor Jason reminded us that in order to be called to God's purposes, we need to make space for God in our lives. How do we start and/or keep doing so?