

Title: Baggage

Text: Luke 10:1-4, Philipians 2:5-7

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. Have you received a surprise gift? How did it make you feel? Share the experience.
2. Did you ever find yourself in a vulnerable situation - stranded in your car, without enough money to pay for something, lost your cell phone, etc? What happened?
3. Describe an incident when you have received unexpected kindness or given a stranger hospitality.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Luke 10. Why was Jesus so intent on instructing the Disciples to bring nothing with them? How must they have felt hearing this?
2. Which image of Jesus is more compelling to you - Jesus as humble and vulnerable or powerful and competent? Why is this so?
3. What does it mean to rely on the kindness of those you serve? How does being open to the hospitality of those you are with an attractive demonstration of the Gospel?
4. What other Biblical examples of 'lambs among wolves' can you think of? What can we learn from these stories of vulnerabilities in our own context of mission?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. What does it look like to not take any "baggage" with you when you are in your own neighborhood? Think of some tangible examples.
2. What are your vulnerabilities when it comes to being missional, sent out by Jesus? How can you let go of these vulnerabilities knowing that you are coming back in the arms of Jesus?
3. How would it look like today if we go out today among our neighbors relying on their hospitality? Picture a few different scenarios and assess the challenges they present. Then discuss how you can be better equipped for it.