

GO! A Wedgeblade Sermon

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That is one way to grow the church. Everyone could have more children, but we know this doesn't work.

The story from Luke where people are appointed and sent out because the "harvest" is plentiful is often used as a pep talk for growing the church. I want to reject that use and that motivation as a strategy.

Instead we can use the symbols of the wedgeblade that surround us as the motivation and the strategy. The wedgeblade is the symbol of GO! It is a green light to engage the world and invite people to see and live life's greatest possibilities.

This is the reason for our Profound Journey Dialog event. It is an intensive restoration and reminder of who we are and where we are going, and we cannot do this event too many times.

This sending, GO, passage is a wedgeblade passage. It is a Profound Journey Dialog passage. It reminds us that when we engage the world there is an amount of risk to the venture. "GO! I am sending you out like lambs among the wolves."

There are risks that we will be chewed up and spit out like a lamb chop at a wolves' barbeque. The wolves like their power and they will not give it up just because we present a reasonable argument.

This sending, GO, passage is a wedgeblade passage. It reminds us that if we are to respond to the call; the call that tends to place on a path that half our brain says this is crazy and the other half of our brain says we cannot do otherwise, then we must travel light. "Do not take a puse, or bag, or sandals.." Traveling light empowers us to GO where we need to GO and GO when we need to GO.

This sending, GO, passage is a wedgeblade passage. It is a mission that demands determination and focus....."...do not greet anyone on the road, pay attention, don't get distrated by the hundreds of other demands. "As you go along life's journey and you want to reach a goal, keep your eye upon the donut and not upon the hole."

When we are faithful to the call, the call of the wedgeblade, we need to know there are risks, it may be a crazy notion in the eyes of the world, we need to travel light, and we need to keep our eye on the destination.

Oh, but what is the call? If it is not growing the church then what is it?

Soon after this word of GO Jesus says, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; ..." and then he tells the parable of the Good Samaritan answering once and for all that **all** people in need are our neighbor to love. So, I close with two words; GO and ALL. So, y'all GO!