

*Monthly study guides can be used in personal prayer and for small group reflection.*

## SEPTEMBER 2025

### SCRIPTURE

Read Luke 10:1-12

### REFLECT:

1. What do you think it means to say, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few”? How is this true today in our setting?
2. Why do you think Jesus asks those he sends to not carry a money bag or sandals and to not greet anyone along the way? What might this mean for us?
3. In what way is Jesus sending you out? To whom are you sent? What is the message you are bringing?

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### READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Chapter 3

During his ministry, the Lord Jesus sent out 70 disciples to cure the sick, cast out bad spirits, and proclaim the kingdom. Just so, we will be inviting and calling forth leaders from our parishes around the diocese to guide our efforts to evangelize, and we will be encouraging all the baptized to live out their call to share the good news of Jesus.

Evangelization is uncomfortable and should be at times since it calls us out of our comfort zone and leads us to give testimony to Jesus Christ. We live in a secular world that does not want to hear the Gospel. We live in a materialistic world that rejects the spiritual world and eternal realities. We ourselves can oftentimes get locked in our social circles and only associate with those who agree with us.

The *Via Fidelis* expects more. The Great Commission commands us to break from our routine and normal social networks and to share the saving message of Jesus Christ with everyone we meet. The command of the Lord is based on love, since people need the mercy, hope, and promise of eternal life that is given to us in Jesus Christ.

### REFLECT:

1. In this passage, the bishop reminds us of our baptismal call to share the Gospel. How often do you think about Baptism and the call that goes along with it? In what ways can you respond to this call?
2. In this passage, evangelization is described as sometimes “uncomfortable.” In what ways is this true? How can we get past that discomfort?
3. What are some concrete ways that you can share this Good News with others? How is every encounter with another person an opportunity to share the Gospel?

