

# Study Notes 18 June 17

## Welcome

“We’re looking for volunteers”

How do you feel when you hear those words?

## Worship

Read the following together or, if you have music, try singing it.  
(Songs of Fellowship 857)

**1)** I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them  
Whom shall I send?

**2)** I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**Chorus)** Here I am Lord  
Is it I, Lord  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

**3)** I, the lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

## Word

Read Matthew Ch 10 vv 1-20

- Jesus gave his disciples authority over evil spirits and disease. Why did they need that authority?
- Was that authority given for all time, or only for that task?
- Is similar authority available to Christians today? (1 Cor 12:1-11)

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- Why were the disciples persecuted?  
(If you don't like the message, shoot the messenger)
- What implications does this attitude have for us, today?  
(Matt 10:34-36)
- Does this contradict Jesus' promise to his disciples in John 14:27?
- What should be our attitude towards those who do not want to listen to God's message?

## **Witness**

### **Pray for yourselves**

Are you being called to carry out a task for Jesus? Pray privately that God will equip you for the task.

### **Pray for each other**

For the members of your Home Group. For any specific worries or problems which have been shared.

### **Pray for our church**

For the work of our church; the leaders & staff; the outreach; the members & the sick.

Pray for all those who will visit us this week, whether they are seeking comfort, coming to worship, or simply sightseeing. Pray that God will touch each one of them.

### **For our world**

Pick one or two of the many trouble spots and ask for God's peace on those places, the people who live there, all who are affected by the trouble and those who are trying to bring peace.

Pray for our country, that stability might prevail. That all those who feel aggrieved may be soothed and that just and equitable decisions may be made.

Pray especially for Fiona Bruce, and other Christian MPs