Luke 10:16-24

Reality bigger than Expectation

What are you expecting as you go out to serve Jesus?

The disciples had expectations

And in these chapters Jesus is turning his disciples expectations upside down

- I am going to suffer and die. (9:22)
- You have to be willing to do the same if you are going to follow me. (9:23ff)
- If you want to be significant, you are going to have to be insignificant.
 (9:46ff)
- It is not the time for judgment or revenge on your enemies. (9:51)
- At this point in time, following Jesus was going to put them in a financially precarious position. (9:57)
- Their ministry would not result in rescuing the people they were preaching to from the tyranny of Rome, but instead more judgment on them instead. (10:12-15)

In light of this future...

- Death
- Insignificance
- Mistreatment
- Homelessness
- Divisions within families
- Judgment on Israel

What did the disciples have to be excited about?

That's an important question. What should we be finding joy and confidence in as we look to the future at CBC?

Jesus tells the disciples, first...

Luke 10:16

"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.

We represent Jesus.

Jesus tells the disciples, second...

Luke 10:17-20

"The seventy two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!' And he said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

We get to be Christians.

Your names are written in heaven!

Exodus 32:32

Isaiah 4:3

Daniel 12:1

Philippians 4:3

Jesus tells the disciples, third...

Luke 10:21-24

"In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Then turning to the disciples he said privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see and did not see it, and to hear what you hear and did not hear it."

We've been chosen to enjoy very special revelation.

"Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look."