



Sermon Notes: The Risks And Rewards of Mission

1. The essence of your mission.

- a. Pray.
- b. Go.
- c. Say.
- d. Heal.

2. The risks of your mission.

- a. Discouragement.
- b. Danger.
- c. Dependence.
- d. Disdain.

3. The rewards of your mission.

- a. Preparation.
- b. Provision.
- c. Protection.
- d. Peacemaking.
- e. Partnership.
- f. Permanence.
- g. Perception.

4. The God of your mission.

- a. God is eternally joyful in Himself.
- b. By sheer grace, God invites you into His eternal joy.



Application Questions: The Risks And Rewards of Mission

1. Speaking in generalities, what 3-4 imperatives would you use to describe the mission of the American Church not as Jesus described it but *as we actually live it?*
2. Reference your answers to #1. Under this paradigm, what risks are Christians typically willing to take? What motives lie behind this risk-taking?
3. Still referencing #1: Under this paradigm, what rewards are Christians functionally striving for? What is the duration and ultimate end of these rewards? How does this compare/contrast with the 7 rewards listed in your notes from the sermon?
4. What's the upside to seeking safety and prosperity on our own terms? What's the downside?
5. What are some practical ways you can help prepare others to meet Christ?
6. What are some ways we tend to find more satisfaction and joy in what we do for God than in what God has done for us?
7. What are some short- and long-term consequences of doing #6? What would be some consequences of doing the opposite of #6 (i.e. finding our ultimate joy in what God has done for us)?
8. It's doubtful the seventy(-two) had the perception to know that "*Satan was falling like lightning from heaven*" because of their mission; but he was. What are some things God promises to do in/through your mission that you don't see right now? What effect does *v. 18* have on you in this light?
9. God is eternally joyful in Himself – Father, Son, and Spirit. By free grace He invites you to be joyful with and in Him forever. How does this affect your view of what it means to be saved? How does this affect your view of what it means to serve God right now?
10. What one thing will you do in response to God's Word this week?