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**Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 4, Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Presenter: Rev Josh McPaul**

**Focus Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

**Message** 7 minutes 20 seconds

**"70 Disciples and 1 Julia Roberts"**

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1 What's a good rom com you have enjoyed – share with others.
- 2 In the sermon, we hear about Jesus sending out the disciples "like lambs among wolves." How does this vulnerability help in our relationships?
- 3 "To change hearts - only love will do." How do you see this idea at work in your own life, and where do you see the temptation to rely on power or force instead of love?
- 4 The passage mentions shaking off the dust when rejected. How do we balance the call to offer peace with the need for good boundaries? How do we go out into our community with this peace?

### **Readings for this day**

**2 Kings 5: 1-14** Naaman, a gentile will do anything to cure his leprosy, even if it means following the advice of his servant, traveling to Israel, and accepting the help of the prophet Elisha. After resistance to directions, the great general is cured.

**Psalms 30** We hear the song of one who cried out to God for help and healing, and found restoration. Only God can turn our "mourning into dancing" and grief into joy.

**Galatians 6: (1-6) 7-16** To be a 'new creation' in Christ is not about the state of our bodies, circumcision, or our own success. Rather it is about working for the good of all and boasting in the cross.

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**All Age Message: Rev Josh McPaul**

**"Pack Light"**

**Length** 2 minutes 0 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

Kids these days have so many concerns and much to carry each day they go to school. The disciples headed off with only the clothes they were wearing and had to be reliant, and trust God, that what they needed would be supplied. Carers and helpers had to be found!

**Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 30 –page 267-268**

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