LUKE 9 : 1-6

Sent to Serve

Jesus sends out the Twelve

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THE STORY SO FAR — AND WHERE WE GO NEXT

WEEKS PAST

Grace received

Luke 5–7 — forgiven much, loved much

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TODAY

Grace released

Luke 9 — the loved are sent out

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NEXT

Out of Luke for a season

We are sent

The last stop in Luke — for now. Grace was poured in; today it's poured out.

READ TOGETHER · Luke 9:1-2

1 And he called the twelve together and gave them
power and authority over all demons and to cure
diseases, **2** and he sent them out to proclaim the
kingdom of God and to heal.

READ TOGETHER · Luke 9:3-5

3 And he said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. **4** And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. **5** And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.”

Luke 9 · ESV

READ TOGETHER · Luke 9:6

6 And they departed and went through the villages,
preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

THE QUESTION TODAY

Could Jesus really send someone like me?

He did it once — with twelve unlikely men.

OUR DISCIPLESHIP PATH

Connect | Cultivate | Coach | **Commission**

You were connected to be commissioned.

1

The Calling

“But am I qualified?”

Luke 9:1-2

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HE GAVE THEM POWER — AND AUTHORITY

“Can I?” · “Am I allowed?”

Power is the ability. Authority is the right. He hands you both — over all the dark, and every disease. Neither one earned.

TWO WAYS IT GOES WRONG

POWER without AUTHORITY

A usurper.

Can — but no right. Self-appointed, not sent.

Absalom · the demonic

AUTHORITY without POWER

A figurehead.

The title — but no muscle. Religion.

Samson · 2 Timothy 3:5

Jesus gives you both — the right and the muscle.

WHAT ARE DEMONS?

1. **Real, personal evil spirits — not symbols or "bad energy."** *Mark 5:8-9 · Luke 8:2 · Matthew 25:41*

2. **Servants of Satan — out to deceive, oppress and destroy.** *1 Timothy 4:1 · 2 Corinthians 11:14 · Ephesians 6:12*

3. **Already defeated — and subject to Jesus.**

Mark 1:27 · James 2:19 · Colossians 2:15 · 1 John 4:4

TORMENTED? — SIGNS TO DISCERN

1 **Torment with no peace — a pull to self-destruction.**

Mark 5:5 · Mark 9:22

2 **Bondage — compulsions beyond normal control.**

Mark 5:3-4 · Luke 9:39 · Luke 13:16

3 **Aversion or hostility to Christ and worship.**

Mark 1:23-24 · Mark 5:7 · Acts 19:15

These can also be medical or mental-health conditions. Discern prayerfully, don't rush to label.

SO WHAT DO WE DO?

1 **Don’t fear — you’re covered.**

1 John 4:4 · Luke 10:17

2 **Submit to God; resist the devil.**

James 4:7

3 **Armour up — and pray for one another.**

Ephesians 6:11-18

SENT TO DO TWO THINGS

PROCLAIM

Say the news

announce the King — words

HEAL

Mend the wound

lift the broken — deeds

Word and deed. Pick neither one alone.

He gave it to you — so he could give it through you.

Forgiven much, loved much (last week). Poured in — to be poured out.

TWO HONEST QUESTIONS

How do I know if I’m sent?

How do I know if I’m ready?

2

The Travel

“But what have I got to give?”

Luke 9:3-4

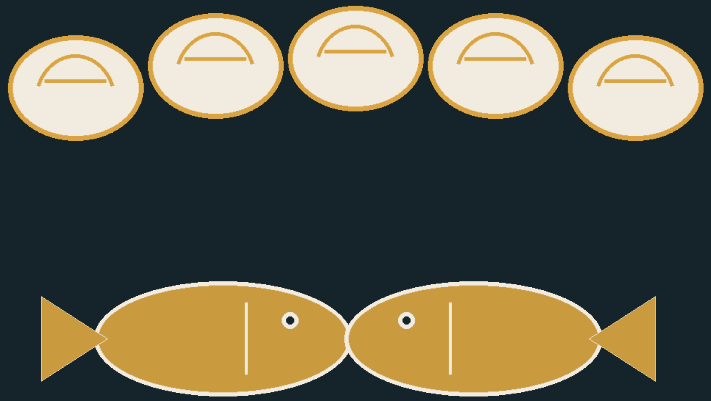
READ TOGETHER · Luke 9:3-5

3 And he said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics.

WATCH THE VERBS

Take nothing

No staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no second shirt.



Five loaves. Two fish.

The little you bring — in his hands.

3

The Reception

“But what if they reject me?”

Luke 9:5-6

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from there depart. **5** And wherever they do not
receive you, when you leave that town shake off the
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TWO RESPONSES · vv.4-5

THEY RECEIVE YOU

Stay.

settle in · don't shop around (v.4)

THEY DON'T

Shake off & move on.

leave the verdict with God (v.5)

You're not on the hook for their "yes." The verdict is theirs — not yours to carry.

SHAKE OFF THE DUST — WHAT IT MEANS

1 **Separation — “I carry none of it home.”**

pagan dust was “unclean,” shaken off at the border (cf. Acts 13:51)

2 **Scandal — Jesus says do it to their own towns.**

heritage doesn’t save you; reception does (Luke 9:5)

3 **Testimony, not revenge — “I am clean.”**

the verdict is theirs, not yours to carry (Acts 18:6)

“DO I STOP REACHING MY FRIEND?”

Shake off ≠ give up.

Leaving the town isn’t abandoning the people you love. You’re freed from the result — not the relationship. Keep loving them; keep the door open.

We said no to him — and he didn’t shake us off. He kept coming.

The most rejected man who ever lived — cast outside the gate for us. Hebrews 13:12-13.

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The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Psalm 118:22 · quoted by Jesus, Luke 20:17 · Acts 4:11

Rejection is the builders' verdict. Resurrection is God's.

He doesn't send you because you'll be received —
he was rejected for you, and rose, still coming.

CAN YOU IMAGINE IF…

…every one of us walked out today as a sent one — sent to proclaim and to heal, right where we live?

Imagine your week — if you followed Jesus into it like that.

ONE PERSON. THIS WEEK.

PROCLAIM

Who can I share the good news with?

HEAL

Who can I bring healing to?

Name them. Go to them. You are the sent one.

AND THEY DEPARTED

“And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.”

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