

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"The Commission"
Luke 9:1-9
Study-35

Commission of the twelve – *"an instruction, command, or duty given to a person or group of people, in place of another."*

Luke records the ("Dress Rehearsal" or "Solo Flight" of The 12 Disciples.)

All 3 Gospels record the (Commission) sending out of the twelve - Matthew 10:1-15; Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-9

John 14:12 greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.

How can we do greater works than Jesus? John 15:5

Luke 9:1-50 Conclusion Of Jesus' Galilean Ministry:

Verses 1-9 The Mission Of The Twelve
Verses 10-17 The Feeding Of The Five Thousand
Verses 18-27 Peter's Confession, Jesus' Passion Prediction
Verses 28-36 The Transfiguration
Verses 37-43 The Demon-Possessed Boy
Verses -43-50 Second Passion Prediction

God wants to use His children. Each one of us is sent into unique situations.
Matthew 28:19-20

Thought Of Our Passage: "God Chooses To Use Ordinary Persons That Will Yield In Dependence Upon Him, Thus Producing Extraordinary Works."

- 1. Verses 1-6 Sent By God**
- 2. Verses 7-9 Response To God**

1. Verses 1-6 Sent By God

Luke 9:1 And

Context – Luke left off with declaring Jesus' Authority Over Sickness And Death. **Luke 8:40-56**

Jesus raised Jairus' 12-year-old daughter from the dead. **Luke 8:54-56**

**He called the twelve together,
There has never been such intense discipleship as that of the 12; no one had the privilege of these 12 men.**

God calls and sends those that have spent time with Him:

called the twelve together, - Ministry Must Be Unified:

Ministry Must Have God's Empowerment: and gave them power

Greek word. We get the English "dynamic, dynamite." This speaks of the "*capacity, energy, and force.*"

and authority – "*the power and the right to do a thing.*"

Disciples were extensions of Jesus Christ.

over all the demons, (Only God) and to heal diseases.

The power to **release people from disease.**

Our Commission is guaranteed through God's Supernatural Power & Authority. John 15:5 for apart from Me you can do nothing.

**Note That Power And Authority Was Given To Judas (Unsaved)
Matthew 7:22-23**

Application For Today: We test a person's ministry by the truth of the Word of God (1 John 2:18-29; 4:1-6). Do they line up with the Scripture?

The Message: Luke 9:2 And He sent them out

The word **sent (send)** - English is "*Apostle,*" which means, "*send forth - send away - send out, to send someone with a special commission, to represent someone.*"

The Term Apostle Can Be Viewed 3 Different Ways:

1. The 12 Apostles Of Christ. Ephesians 2:20 the foundation of the apostles

2. Apostles Of The Church. They were "*Secondary Apostles of the Church.*" Barnabas, Timothy, Silas, and so on.

3. Every Christian Is Called To Go. Matthew 28:19-20

Another word for this is "Ambassadors for Christ."

to proclaim the kingdom of God, This was the greatest of works, to preach the kingdom of God.

When we speak of the "**Kingdom Of God,**" it is the future tense in that Jesus, at the second coming, will set up His Kingdom on earth for 1000 years.

The kingdom was also present. **Luke 17:20-21**

Notice that preaching the kingdom of God is called **Luke 9:6 preaching the gospel**, which means "good news," the news is so good it meant "stop the press!"

Mark 6:12 And they went out and preached that men should repent.

The kingdom of God was "Good News."

The Good News is that God wants to have a relationship with us.

and to perform healing. The healings were to validate that the message was true. It was showing compassion to hurting people.

Verses 3-6 Disciples Approach: That the ministry of these disciples would stand out in that they would model the message.

No Luggage: And He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, This is called "Traveling Light!" *The minimum of provisions was meant to draw out the maximum of faith.*

Later on, Jesus would tell His followers to take some provisions.

Luke 22:35-38

neither a staff,

(Matthew "don't acquire) *the disciples were to lean upon the Lord.*

nor a bag, - disciples were not to carry a begging bag.

nor bread, - God provided for Elijah by the ravens, (**1 Kings 17:5**)

nor money; God would take care of their needs.

and do not even have two tunics apiece. (Coat, flowing garment, sometimes sleeveless extending past the knees) Don't be taken up with a wardrobe.

Why would Jesus give the disciples this approach?

1. There were false missionaries in Jesus' day.

2. Jesus wanted the disciples to learn to trust Him for the provision.

Luke 22:35 Provision – *"to see and provide."*

Verse 4 Open Homes/Open Hearts: Luke 9:4 "Whatever house you enter, This is the persons that are willing to receive the message through God's messenger.

Lodging: stay there until you leave that city. We are to accept what God provides for us!

Verse 5 Closed Homes/Closed Hearts: Luke 9:5 "And as for those who do not receive you,

It is good to note that there will be folks who will not want to hear the message. **Don't take it personally.**

as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet (It was against God, not them!)

as a testimony against them." This action was to alert the city of the danger of rejecting God's message.

Luke 9:6 Urgency To Reach The Lost: Departing, they began going throughout the villages, - This was to show the urgency and get the people's attention.

preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

Those that could not and would not go out to see Jesus are now given yet another opportunity through the disciples coming.

The mission was one of preaching a message and showing compassion! (Hurting People, sin beats people up!)

2. Verses 7-9 Response To God

Luke 9:7 (Matthew 14:1-14; Mark 6:14-29)

Now Herod the tetrarch or Herod the Antipas, who was the son of Herod the Great. He inherited his reign from his father, Herod of 1/4 of Herod's kingdom. He ruled Galilee and Perea from 4 BC-39 AD during Jesus' ministry. The Wicked Ruler who had John murdered.

Luke 3:19-20

heard of all that was happening;

Luke returns to Herod as an example of how the ministry of Jesus was spreading.

Mark 6:14; Matthew 14:1-2

Luke 9:8 and by some that Elijah had appeared,

It was promised in **Malachi 4:5-6**

and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen again. Deuteronomy 18:18

Luke 9:9 Herod said, "I myself had John beheaded;

Only here Luke informs us of John's death.

**The Guilt Which Herod Is Experiencing. Psalm 32:5 (NLT)
Repentance/Obedience**

but who is this man about whom I hear such things?"

The Result of The Disciples' Ministry Led Herod To Ask The Question: "Who Is Jesus Christ?"

And he kept trying to see Him. Herod's motive for wanting to see Jesus was not repentance of sin, forgiveness for murder, but to see if John the Baptist had risen from the dead. **Luke 13:31**

Luke 23:8

Application:

- 1.** Our Commission Is Guaranteed Through God's Supernatural Power. We Need God's Power If We Are Going To Accomplish God's Task. We Must Pray, And Depend On His Power, Not Our Own Strength.
- 2.** Every Christian Is Called To Go: **Matthew 28:19-20**
- 3.** The Result Of Our Ministry As Disciples Should Lead Others To Ask The Question: "Who Is Jesus Christ?" We Have Failed If People Think That The Kingdom Of God Is A Better Marriage, Better Living Conditions, Better Finances; Jesus Is Coming To Judge The Living And The Dead.