

Recap the Sermon

1. What impacted you most from the message?

Open Up

2. How do you pack for vacation? Do you pack light leaving room for souvenirs? Are you an everything-and-the-kitchen-sink packer?

Digging In

Read Luke 9:1-9

3. What did Jesus provide the disciples for their journey? (v. 1) What were they sent to do? (v. 2) What were they instructed to bring with them? (v. 3)
4. What instruction was given concerning a village that was not willing to receive their message? (v. 5) What do you think it meant?
5. What was Herod's response to Jesus' miracles? Who did people say Jesus was? (v. 7)

Life Application

Take time to have everyone list five things they can't live without on a day to day basis. Discuss the lists.

5. Read Matthew 28:18-20. Do you believe that each person in your small group is "sent out" by Jesus to spread the message of the Gospel? Do you feel equipped to share your faith with others? What is your biggest fear about sharing your faith?
6. Read Acts 1:8. Do you think that the Holy Spirit still empowers believers to share the gospel?
7. Reread Luke 9:5. Were the disciples responsible for how people responded to the message they presented? Where does our responsibility lie with unbelievers?

Wrap Up

Just to set out on a trip for a week, many will pack in case of any type of emergency, as though there wouldn't be a Walmart or even a convenience store within a thousand miles. Jesus sent the disciples out to begin changing the world with nothing but His power and His authority.

For some, sharing the Gospel message can be intimidating. When asked, Jesus will not only open the door—he will walk with you through it. Call on Him to give you the words that He wants others to hear and then get out of the way! Sharing the message is a process and you are just the tool that God has chosen for one of the steps. It is His responsibility to call, convict and ultimately to save.

Galatians 6:9 says, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Remember, God does not call the equipped, He equips those that are willing to answer His call. Are you willing?