



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“Go, Believing”

Points from Sunday’s Message

1. Jesus does not save us to sit on the sidelines.
2. Jesus moves us into His mission by moving our hearts first.
3. Jesus confers Kingdom power and Kingdom authority because Kingdom work requires Kingdom resources.
4. Jesus commissions us to proclaim the Kingdom, because the primary mission is a message, not a manifestation.
5. Jesus commands total dependence because self-sufficiency is incompatible with His Kingdom mission.

Key Verse:

“Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”

— Luke 9:1–2

Discussion Questions:

1. From Disciple to Apostle: Where Are You in the Process?

Questions: In Luke 9, the Twelve shift from *disciples* (learners) to *apostles* (sent ones). What do you think marks that transition in their lives? Where do you feel you are right now — learning, observing, stepping out, or actively sent? What might be keeping you in the “theory phase” instead of the “doing phase”?

Further Reading: Matthew 9:35–38 (compassion → prayer → sending), James 1:22 (doers of the word)

2. Compassion Comes Before Commission

Questions: Pastor Miles emphasized that Jesus was *moved with compassion* before He sent the Twelve. How does compassion fuel mission? When was the

last time you truly felt burdened for someone far from God? Do you pray differently when your heart is stirred?

Further Reading: Philippians 2:12–13 (God works in you to desire and to act), Romans 9:1–3 (Paul’s anguish for the lost)

3. Power and Authority: What Are We Really Depending On?

Questions: Jesus gave the Twelve power (*dunamis*) and authority (*exousia*). Pastor Miles pointed out that kingdom work requires kingdom resources. Where are you tempted to rely on earthly strength instead of heavenly authority? What would it look like for you to consciously depend on the Holy Spirit this week?

Further Reading: Matthew 28:18–20 (All authority... therefore go), Acts 1:8 (Power when the Spirit comes)

4. The Primary Mission Is a Message

Questions: The disciples were sent first to *preach the kingdom*, and healing followed as a demonstration — not the focus. Why is it important that the message (the gospel) stays primary? In our culture, what distractions can subtly replace the central message of Christ crucified and risen?

Further Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1–4 (the core of the gospel), Mark 16:15 (Preach the gospel to every creature)

5. “Take Nothing”: Where Is God Calling You to Depend?

Questions: Jesus commanded them to take nothing — building dependence into the mission. Where is God stretching you right now? Is there an area of life where you are operating in comfort rather than faith? What would “taking nothing” look like for you — emotionally, financially, relationally, spiritually?

Further Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:7 (walk by faith, not by sight), Proverbs 3:5–6 (trust in the Lord with all your heart)

6. The Rhythm of Go and Return

Question: The apostles went out, then returned to Jesus to report and be refreshed. What does your rhythm look like between serving and being restored? Are you actively “going,” or only gathering? How does communion help re-center you on the mission?

Further Reading: Matthew 11:28 (Come to Me... I will give you rest), 1 Peter 2:9 (proclaim the praises of Him)

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.