



## Week 1

Series: Equipped

Sermon Title: The First Mission Trip

Sermon Text: Luke 9:1-9

Group Week of: February 11, 2024

Sermon Date: February 18, 2024

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
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### The Text: Luke 9:1-6

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Observe everything.** Use pens and highlighters to mark the text. Come up with your own system of symbols, underlines, arrows, highlights, and notes, that will *help you understand and apply*. Only do what is helpful.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. <sup>3</sup>He told them: “Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. <sup>4</sup>Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>5</sup>If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>6</sup>So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

### Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) you see Jesus giving to His disciples (and us) through this text?
- 2) What mission are the disciples given?
- 3) What is the purpose of not allowing the disciples to bring a staff, a bag, bread, money, or a shirt?

## Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) How do you know when someone is ready to go from the “learning” stage to the “doing” stage?
  
- 2) Any disciple of Jesus will move from “learning” to “doing,” just as Jesus’ disciples are doing in this passage. However, without Jesus here to send us out in such a personal and direct way, we tend to spend a long time in the “learning” stage of discipleship and postpone the uncomfortable change that comes with progressing into the “doing” stage. What are some of the most common excuses you’ve given to avoid progressing further into the “doing” stage of following Christ?
  
- 3) The disciples had likely been traveling with Jesus for one to two years by this point. While it may seem crazy to us that Jesus would now send them on a mission trip to preach the gospel and even perform miracles, that is exactly what Jesus is doing. With this in mind, what should our expectations be for ourselves and other believers to engage in gospel ministry?
  
- 4) When Jesus sends out the disciples, He gives them authority to cast out demons and heal the sick. Remember that this authority is given to testify to the truth of the message of the gospel that they are sharing. Was this a unique part of this one mission trip for the disciples or does the same authority now extend to Christians today? If so, where and when would such authority get used?
  
- 5) Though Jesus gives the disciples incredible authority, He also takes away some of the things they rely on for safety and security, like money, food, and extra clothes. Why would Jesus send them with extra authority, but also less physical security?
  
- 6) For the disciples’ first mission trip, Jesus creates a scenario where the disciples can truly engage, contribute to Christ’s work, and grow in dependence and reliance upon God. This is an excellent way to structure environments where disciples are transitioning from learning to doing. How could the church use this model to help train people for ministry?
  
- 7) The disciples were to go and preach the gospel in the villages of Israel, and they obeyed. Where is God calling you to be His witness? Are you obeying Him in that work? If yes, share with your life group the fruit you have seen. If your answer is no, what is stopping you from engaging in that work?