

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 15, 2008

Passage: Luke 9:1-17

Memory Passage: Luke 9:13a

**TODAY:** *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

Day 1- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. When were the twelve first appointed apostles? (see Luke. 6:12,13) What does the term apostle mean? What event immediately followed the appointment of the twelve?
2. Read Luke. 9:1-6. What did Jesus send the twelve out to do? Where did they go? (see v. 6) What does this say about Christian ministry?
3. Briefly review Luke 6-8. Approximately how much time has passed from the appointment of the twelve to the beginning of chapter 9?
4. Do you think the twelve were adequately equipped to carry out the mission Jesus gave them? Would you have felt adequately equipped in such a short time?

Day 2- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. Read Luke. 9:1-6. What did Jesus give the twelve to carry out their mission?
2. What was required of them? Hint: Think Nike.
3. What instructions did Jesus give them? Why did He tell them to take so little?
4. Do you think this should be a model for modern missionary work as opposed to spending so much time in preparation and raising support? Why or why not? Compare Luke. 22:35,36.

Day 3- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. Read Luke 9:10a and Mark 6:12,13. What results did the twelve have? How do you account for this?
2. Read Luke 9:5 and Matt. 10:14-31. Were the twelve always received with open arms? How were the twelve to deal with opposition? In what way could Luke 9:5 be understood as a compassionate act?
3. Of whom should we not be afraid when we are opposed? Of whom should we be afraid?

Day 4- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. Read Luke 9:7-9 and Mark 6:14-28. What kind of a man was Herod?
2. Read Luke 9:7-9 and Mark 6:20. Was Herod interested in spiritual things? Have you known people like Herod? (see Acts 17:18-21)
3. How serious do you think Herod was about trying to see Jesus? Explain your answer.
4. When did Herod finally see Jesus? (see Luke 23:8-12) Why do you think he responded the way he did?

Day 5- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. Read Luke 9:10b-17 and Mark 6:31,32. What attitudes outweighed Jesus' and His disciples' need for food and rest? (see John 4:34) What does this say about our priorities as we minister in Christ's name?

2. How did the disciples often respond in these circumstances? (see Luke 9:12; Matt. 15:23; Luke 18:15; John 4: 27) Have you ever felt this way? Why?
3. In light of their recent missionary experience, how should the disciples have responded when Jesus said, “You give them something to eat.”
4. What food resources did the disciples have? What did they overlook? How does this relate to the preaching of the Gospel?
5. What is the significance of picking up the broken pieces?

Day 6- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back over what you have learned this week. Consider what it is Jesus has called you to do? In spite of any feelings of inadequacy that you may have, consider the resources you have---the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, access to the throne of God for mercy and grace in time of need, and the promises of God.

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*Little Made Much*