

Lessons We May Learn From The Ministry of Jesus
Luke 9:1-17

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Intro. A In these ^{verses} selected we read of four incidents that teach us valuable lessons.

1. The Kingdom of God is expanded by preaching.
2. Gossip is never dependable information.
3. Doing God's work God's way is profitable.
4. God cares for our human needs.

B There are three elements to the use of these lessons.

1. We must learn the truth.
2. We must have faith to implement them.
3. We must do what we know.
4. "...hear the word of God and do it".

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I. The Kingdom of God Is Expanded By Preaching.

A. The Apostles were commissioned and equipped.

- vs. 1
1. "He called his 12 disciples together".
 2. He gave them power, ΔΥΝΑΜΙΝ
 3. He gave them authority, ΕΞΟΥΣΙΑΝ
 3. over demons, ΔΑΙΜΟΝΙΑ
 4. These were their credentials.
 5. This is not God's plan today but is Satans.

vs. 2

6. He sent them to preach the Kingdom.

B. This phase of His work would be urgent + brief.

- vs. 3
1. "Take nothing for your journey"
 2. "stave" = ραβδος = "a rod", A symbol or seal of office or authority". A weapon of defense.
 3. "scrip" = τήρα = a bag, a sack, "over night bag".

III. God's Work Done God's Way Brings Profit. (2)

A. The Apostles came Back To Jesus.

- Vs. 10
1. They had followed His instructions.
 2. "told him all that they had done".
 3. He took ^{them} to a place of rest and learning.
- Vs. 11
4. There was a response.

B. The only way to sure success is to follow the ~~then~~ teachings of Jesus.

1. There will be rejection.
2. He will receive us and help us.

IV. God Cares For Our Human (physical) Needs.

A. Time and circumstances created a disturbing situation for the twelve.

- Vs. 12
1. They were in a desert place.
 2. The people needed food and lodging.

B. The solution as seen by Jesus.

- Vs. 13
1. "five ye them to eat".
 2. His answer brought questions.

C. Jesus avoided chaos.

- Vs. 14-15
1. They where to sit in groups of 50.
- Vs. 16
2. Jesus blessed the 5 loaves and 2 fishes.
- Vs. 17
3. It worked!

D. Little can become much when it is given to Jesus.

1. Even if we need it!
2. He will not ignore our needs.