

Rediscover Jesus
Part 26: Jesus' Twelve Sent Out | Luke 9:1-9
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*Proclaim the kingdom of God, in the power of the King,
 to point to the King.*

I. Proclaim the kingdom of God (vv. 1-2)

¹ And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

Luke 4:43 = but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose."

Mark 6:12 = So they went out and proclaimed that people should *repent*.

Three initial suggestions to proclaim the gospel to others:

1. Identify yourself as a follower of Christ
2. Pray that God would open doors to move conversations from the surface, to the serious, to the spiritual
3. Let others eavesdrop on how you preach the gospel to yourself amidst personal struggles

II. In the power of the King (vv. 3-6)

³ And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. ⁴ And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. ⁵ And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

⁶ And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

III. To point to the King (vv. 7-9)

⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, ⁸ by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. ⁹ Herod said, "John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he sought to see him.

Life Application

1. Is *God* your King or are *you* the king over your life? Examine how much you think about *yourself* and how much *you* are the reference point for all of life.
2. Who are some people in your life who are "far from God"? Pray for them, grab coffee/meal with them, and ask God to open doors to move conversations from the surface, to the serious, to the spiritual.
3. How have you been a "glory thief"? Confess to God and to others about how you tend to point others to *yourself* rather than *King Jesus*, pray for one another, and follow up with one another.