

SERMON NOTES: TRUE APOSTLES

Series: Luke: The Gospel of Knowing For Sure

Date: November 22nd, 2015

Text: Luke 9:1-9

Theme: Finding Assurance for our mission through Jesus' call and equipping of the first Apostles.

1. The Mission

- a. A Mission of _____
- b. A Mission to _____ the Kingdom

2. The Power and Authority for the Mission

- a. _____ first - _____ follows

3. The Method for the Mission

- a. Simplicity and _____
- b. Leaving the _____ to God

4. The Results of the Mission

- a. A Divine _____
- b. A question of _____

SMALL GROUP HOME WORK:

These questions will help prepare you for your Small Group session this week – so bring your answers with you to your Small Group meeting.

RELATE:

Share with the group some of the fears you struggle with relative to sharing your faith.

REFLECT:

1. What power did Jesus give His apostles? What work did He send them to do? (see Luke 9:1-2)
2. What were they not to take with them? Why not? Do these rules apply the same way today? Explain
3. How should they treat cities that rejected the message in v.5? See also Luke 10:10-12. Explain the significance.
4. Why were the disciples instructed to depend on others while they went from town to town preaching the Good News?
5. What does the disciples experience teach them about faith as they carry out their mission?
6. What are some of the hardest things for people to “leave” as they follow Jesus?
7. Why do you think Luke added this section about Herod in vv. 7-9?

RESPOND:

Based on our study this week does this small group exist just for us? Is there a greater mission to which we are called?

What would it look like if our small group were to begin to reach out into our community for new members?

What acts of love can you or your group do for unreached people to show them the love of Christ?

“This group does not exist for us.” Put an Empty Chair in the middle of your prayer circle with a supply of invitation business cards on the chair for people to take and use.

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