

# LUKE 9:1-6, 10-11

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ICE BREAKER: Describe a fear you have.

## LARGE GROUP QUESTIONS:

Prior to sending out the Twelve Disciples throughout Galilee, Jesus “gave them **power and authority to drive out all demons** and to **cure diseases**, and he sent them out to **preach the kingdom of God** and to **heal the sick.**” Jesus offers this same power and authority to His followers **today** through the **Holy Spirit**. Jesus said in Acts 1:8, “You will receive **power when the Holy Spirit comes on you**; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

We receive the Holy Spirit when we personally ask Jesus to be the Savior of our lives. As Apostle Peter proclaimed, “**Repent** and be **baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will **receive** the gift of the **Holy Spirit.**”

### 1. How have you ever **experienced God’s power** in either **sharing the Gospel, answered prayer, or miracles**?

(Read verses 1-2) In His **first tour** through Galilee, Jesus called James, John, Peter, and Andrew to follow Him (Luke 4:14,31,38,42-44; 5:9-11). In His **second tour** through Galilee, Jesus took the Twelve Disciples with Him as He preached and healed many (Luke 8:1-3; Mark 3:13-15).

Now when Jesus sent them out two by two throughout Galilee, the Twelve Disciples entered a **new stage** of **discipleship**. In this **third tour** through Galilee, Jesus sent out the Twelve Disciples **on their own** to do what He had done—drive out demons, cure diseases, preach the Gospel, and heal the sick.

Jesus gives us His method for **discipleship**. **First**, His Disciples **heard Him** preach the Gospel and **watched Him** perform miracles. **Second**, Jesus **called** them into Community with Himself, to **identify themselves as His Disciples**, and to follow Him. With this commitment, the Disciples would see first-hand, up-close and daily what it meant to be His follower, as Jesus poured out His life into theirs in deep, meaningful relationship.

Thirdly, Jesus **gave them His power and authority to live** as He lived, to **preach** what He preached, and to **serve** as He served. He **sent them out on their own**. Jesus now called them to be Jesus, in the flesh for others.

### 2. Which **part** of Jesus’ **Three-Step Discipleship Process** do you think the Lord has you in presently?

(Read verse 10) After the Twelve Disciples completed their ministry, “they **reported** to Jesus **what they had done.**” Jesus then “took them with him and they **withdrew by themselves.**” Jesus did not simply send the disciples out and consider discipleship complete. He required them to “report” back to Him. In so doing, Jesus reveals another aspect of Christian discipleship—**accountability**.

Jesus not only called them to report back to him, but He also took the time to withdraw with them to **reflect** on their experiences.

### 3. Why does Jesus demand **accountability** for **His disciples**?

(Read verse 3) Notice how Jesus **equipped** the Twelve Disciples for ministry. “Take **nothing** for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic.” In our society, we value **more**—more money, more cars, more things. Yet, when Jesus prepared His followers, He offered them none of these things.

### 4. In this case, why do you think Jesus would **equip** His disciples with **nothing**?

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## PRAYER GROUP TIME

(Make a list of people whom those in your group plan to share Jesus with this week or invite to Celebration.)

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