

# Luke

Carefully Investigating the Gospel ... Together

## SSBC Luke Bible Study #27

*Take this Bible Study home and use it to guide your exploration of the scripture passage that next Sunday's sermon will be focused on.*

Passage: Luke 9:1-9

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### Introduction:

Back in Chapter 6 we saw Jesus choosing twelve disciples, whom he called Apostles. They then accompanied him as he preached the Kingdom of God, raised people from the dead, dined with Pharisees, calmed a storm, and performed other miracles. Now in this week's passage Jesus sends out his twelve followers on a specific, bold mission – giving them authority to heal people and cast out demons, and to preach about the Kingdom of God.

Imagine if you were given such authority and ability. Then imagine sitting in a doctor's office and striking up a conversation with someone with a sick child, telling them about Jesus, and oh-by-the-way, healing their child's infirmity. What would that feel like? How would the credibility of your witness be affected by the accompanying miracle? And how would that affect your own faith and perseverance in ministry?

While we have perhaps not experienced such dramatic circumstances, we do serve such a powerful and loving God. As you begin this week's study, ask the Lord to give you such dramatic and persistent faith and commitment to serving him and loving his people. And He will!

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3. Next, use this chart to **interpret some key observations**.

a. Select a few of your observations & questions from pages 2-3 that you find most interesting or important. Rewrite these below, and interpret and apply them using the columns to the right.

b. For each observation, begin to interpret by asking yourself these kinds of questions:

- What does it mean?
- Why is this important?
- What does this tell me about the Father? Jesus? The Holy Spirit?
- Are there other scriptures that could help me understand this?

<b>Observation</b> What does it say?	<b>Interpretation</b> What does it mean?

4. Now consider how you can **apply** the Word to your life. Look for:

- **S**ins to avoid
- **P**romises to believe
- **E**xamples to follow (remember "SPECK")
- **C**ommands to obey
- **K**nowledge to share

Don't just write things to write them – listen carefully to God's Word and what he seems to be teaching you, and look for relevant things that you're truly stirred to do. Then as you do them, God will help you learn, grow, and help others grow.

<b>Application</b> How do I apply what it means?

**Dig Deeper:**

5. Why do you suppose Jesus sent the disciples out to heal and cast out demons in addition to preaching about the Kingdom of God? In other words, why didn't he just send them out just to preach? (Consider Luke 4:18-19, 5:17-25, 7:22-23)

6. Jesus sent out his disciples carrying no provisions or protections or resources to make their mission easier. (Luke 9:3)

a. What would traveling so lightly have taught them?

b. How would it have affected those to whom they ministered?

c. How would you feel to be sent out in such a manner today? How would it affect your faith and your trust in God?

7. Compare similar passages from other gospels. While Mark 6:6-12 is very similar to Luke's account, Matthew 10:5-42 provides much more information about this incident.

a. Matthew seems to be writing to a Jewish audience, while Luke was writing more to gentiles. Why do you think Matthew provided so much more detail about the sending of the twelve?

b. What warnings and encouragements does Matthew tell us that Jesus shared with his disciples as he sent them out? How does this expand your understanding of the nature of what they probably faced as they went out?

8. Note in Luke 8:1 how the disciples had accompanied Jesus as he went from village to village to heal and preach.

a. How do you think this prepared them for the mission they are given in Luke 9:3-5?

b. Review the incidents that Luke records in the rest of Chapter 8. How did the parable of the sower and the four subsequent dramatic experiences prepare the disciples for being sent out?

c. What principle(s) for effective ministry can you draw from Jesus' approach to training disciples as you have reflected on it in 8.a and b above?

d. How can you apply these same principle(s) in your life as you follow others and/or as others follow you in learning to live and serve as Christians?

9a. In what general ways does the disciples' mission in Luke 9 apply to Christians today? (Consider Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:18-20)

b. In what specific ways does it apply to you?

c. What obstacles tend to keep you from succeeding at this mission?

d. How do you think you could be more effective in carrying out this mission in the weeks and months ahead?