

A GOSPEL MISSION

Luke 9:1–9

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. And He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. “Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. Herod said, “John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things?” So he sought to see Him.

MAIN POINT

We as Christ’s church have been given a gospel mission which we must fulfill with great passion and joy.

I. Introduction

- A. Up to this point in the gospel of Luke Jesus has been doing the preaching and healing ministry while his disciples watched.
- B. Now Jesus commissions his disciples to go proclaim the message He proclaimed: The message of “the kingdom of God” (9:2).
 1. What is the kingdom of God? This is a central theme in the book of Luke, occurring 32 times).
 2. The kingdom refers not to the borders of God’s kingdom (like the borders of the USA define the country [“kingdom”] of America).
 3. The kingdom of God is:
 - a) In its *broader sense* a demonstration of His sovereign rule over his creation
 - b) In its *particular sense* the future reign of Jesus

II. Exposition

- A. Delegation (v. 1)
 1. Christ gave to His disciples a delegated authority.
 - a) Power
 - b) Authority
 2. Christ gave His disciples a unique outpouring to perform miracles

- a) Casting out demons
- b) Curing diseases
- B. Message (v. 2)
 - 1. Preaching the gospel of the kingdom
 - 2. Healing the sick
- C. Instructions (vv. 3–5)
 - 1. Do not bring anything for the journey
 - 2. Stay in the house you enter
 - 3. Denounce those who reject your message
 - 4. Jesus expected the disciples to rely upon God to provide and give success.
- D. Obedience (v. 6)
 - 1. The disciples obeyed, entering various towns and villages
 - 2. They proclaimed the message and healed people
- E. Results (vv. 7–9)

III. Truths — *Five Realities about our Gospel Mission*

- A. We have been *delegated* by the King of Kings.
- B. We are given a *message* to proclaim.
- C. We have been given explicit *instructions* for our mission (e.g., Matt. 28:19–20; Acts 1:8), *relying* upon the Lord each step of the process.
- D. We are called to *obey* our Lord.
- E. We are given assured *results*.