

Study Guide for Feb. 11th, 2001. Following Jesus: Message #6 Serving in His Power. Luke 9:1-6.

1. Have you ever served on a **team** or **task force** with a specific, time-limited purpose? What did you accomplish? What did you learn from that experience? Did it open the door to other service?
2. Commissioned and Empowered: (Luke 9:1-2)
 - A. According to Luke 8:1-3, the disciples had been traveling with Jesus, listening to his teaching, and observing his ministry of healing and deliverance. Why do you think Jesus sends them out on their own at this time?
 - B. What additional insight do you gain from the parallel accounts in Matt. 9:35-10:1 & Mk. 6:6-7 ?
 - C. Ever wonder why there were **12** disciples? What significance do you find in the number **12** ? (Note the apostles thought it was significant enough to replace Judas. See Acts 1:15-26)
 - D. What were the 12 commissioned to do? In what sense was their work unique? In what sense is their work a model for us as followers of Jesus today?
3. Instructed: (Luke 9:3-5)
 - A. What positive message would the disciples have heard when Jesus tells them, "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic."
 - B. Compare vs. 3 to Jesus instructions in Luke 22:35-38. What differences do you note? Why?
 - C. Why do you think Jesus told them to stay at only one house when they visited a village?
 - D. What would the disciples communicate through the action of shaking the dust off their feet if the people of the village refused to welcome them?
 - E. What principles do you see for us today in this set of instructions?
4. Obedient: (Luke 9:6)
 - A. How do you think the disciples reacted to the opportunity to minister in Jesus' name?
 - B. How do you react when you sense that God has used you to advance his kingdom?
5. Misunderstood: (Luke 9:7-9)
 - A. How did people explain what was happening? How did Herod explain what was happening?
 - B. What should we expect as we seek to serve Christ in His power? (see John 15:18-21)