



**Community Group Study Guide**  
For the Week of October 15<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

**Please read Luke 9:1-9.**

1. Jesus gives the apostles power and authority over demons and diseases (verse 1), after first demonstrating that he himself possesses this authority (see Luke 8:26-56).

- a. What is the connection between demons and disease?
- b. Why is it significant that Jesus is able to delegate authority over demons and disease?
- c. Who has authority to delegate in a kingdom?
- d. Why doesn't he delegate power over the wind and the waves, which he has also demonstrated? (See Luke 8:22-25)

2. Jesus sends the twelve to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal (verse 2).

- a. Does he anticipate that this proclamation will always be received well? (See verse 4) Please explain your answer.
- b. What is the good news of the kingdom of God at this point? (See Luke 4:16-21)
- c. How was this anticipated by his promise to make them fishers of men? (See Luke 5:5,10)
- d. How does the power and authority over demons and disease relate to the message about the kingdom?

3. Jesus forbids the disciples to equip themselves for this mission (verse 3), and to seek the best accommodations (verse 4).

- a. Who will benefit from this mission?
- b. How is this mission being funded?
- c. What responsibility do the apostles have in making sure that their proclamation is well received?
- d. Do these instructions remain appropriate for the apostles in their later mission described in Acts 1:8? (See Luke 22:35-38) Please explain your answer.

4. Herod hears about what the disciples are doing and seeks to see Jesus.
  - a. Why would Herod be interested in a proclamation of the kingdom of God?
  - b. Why was he perplexed at the explanations he receives? How does his statement about John in verse 9 clarify his thinking?
  - c. Does Herod believe that resurrection is possible? (See Luke 8:52-54) Please explain.
  - d. What does all of this say about Herod's authority and power in his own "kingdom"?