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LIFEGroup study for the week starting April 18, 2021

Read Luke 8:40-9:17 to gain context for today's discussion.

1. We have been watching through the original Grey's Anatomy series and it always blows my mind that these doctors will sometimes have to carry out procedures that they have only heard or read about or at best witnessed. Guessing that it will not be cutting someone's chest open, but try to think of a time when you were given the responsibility to do something fairly challenging that you did not feel that you were equipped or prepared to do. Share your fears and excitement.
2. What did Jesus send the Twelve to do, and how did he equip them (1-2)? Share the important ideas of power vs authority that were discussed in the message. Share some examples of those who have exercised one without the other. Can you also think of examples from a religion or church perspective?
3. What is the significance of proclaiming the kingdom of God, and how is healing the sick related to it (Lk 11:2)?
4. What specific instructions did Jesus give, and what timeless principles do they teach (3-5)? How can we apply these principles? How did the Twelve respond (6)? What was the result of their ministry (7-9)?
5. What did the apostles report (10a)? Why did Jesus take them to Bethsaida (10b)? Did Jesus' plan for them there get redirected? What a great blessing to observe Jesus' response to those "annoying" crowds. What are some areas of your life where you get annoyed that perhaps Jesus would prefer a different attitude?
6. Discuss Jesus' challenge to the 12. What did it say to them in the moment vs what it likely said to them in hindsight?
7. In light of 9:1-2 discuss the following paragraph adapted from Pastor Steve Cole
Bible prophecy is not given so that we can sit around and speculate about what will happen in the future. It is always given so that we can apply it to how we live in the present in light of what God has promised to do in the future. Specifically, it is crucial that we understand personally how to be in God's kingdom, because Jesus makes it clear that His awful judgment will fall suddenly and certainly on everyone who is not in His kingdom. He shows us here and in Luke 17:20-37 that ***...To be in God's kingdom, we must be personally related to God's King Jesus and we must faithfully await the kingdom's consummation when He returns in glory to judge everyone.***



Sunday, April 18, 2021 – Pastor D. R. Hilken

Luke 8-9:17

Context to being **SENT**

- A servant healed (authority over sickness)
- A dead son raised (authority over sickness)
- A sinful woman forgiven (authority over sickness)
- A wind stopped & A sea calmed (authority over sickness)
- A man set free (authority over sickness)
- Touch Jesus to be healed
- A daughter raised (**SLEEP?**)
 - The Train Set (occasionally natural law superseded)
- Rejected in his home town
- Plentiful harvest/few workers (Matthew 9:35-38)

Apostles Sent (9:1-6)

- The **BIRTH** of the Church-classroom to **APPRENTICESHIP**
- The six steps of mentoring/discipleship
- MUDDY** boots not shined shoes
- Wood pile or **BONFIRE**
- Build a wall or **STORM** the hill
- Expect no less
- That was then ~ this is now (Luke 22)

Parenthetically ~ Herod (9:7-9)

- The **POSER** (fox)
- The ongoing, gradual, revelation of Jesus' **IDENTITY**

What did you learn? (9:10)(Listed in all 4 Gospels)

- NOTHING?** (9:11-14a)
- Step **FIVE** with a smile
- parenthetically (remember the 11%?)
- Jesus' posture of prayer
- God loves to do **MUCH**
- with **LITTLE** for those who seek Him