



Luke 9:1-9

"...With Training Wheels On."

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Consult the Scriptures:

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(Other Scripture referenced: Lk. 8:1-3, 4:16-21; Col. 1:13-14; Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-18; Lk. 24:44-49; Jn. 20:21-22; Acts 1:6-8; Jn. 14:12-14; Lk. 9:57-62; Ex. 12:11)

Discuss:

1. Read Lk. 8:1-3. How are we to understand "the kingdom of God?" Vaughan Roberts defined the kingdom of God this way: *"God's people in God's place under God's rule and blessing."*¹ Can you think of any examples from scripture (Hint: the book of Genesis)?
2. Pastor Patrick mentioned that we tend to think of peace (i.e., shalom) as the absence of something rather than the presence of something. What did he mean? How might you describe the difference?
3. Read Lk. 8:1-3 and compare it with Lk. 9:1-2, 6. What similarities do you see? Pastor Patrick referred to this story as *The Great Commission with training wheels on.* What did he mean? How does this sending differ from the sending prior to Jesus' ascension (see Matt. 28:18-20)?

¹ Vaughan Roberts, *God's Big Picture* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2000), p. 21.

4. Pastor Patrick said, “Jesus doesn’t want more from His disciples, but more for them.” What does that mean? How does being on mission transform us?
5. Read Lk. 9:3-5 and discuss. What is Jesus trying to accomplish in them by these instructions?
6. Pastor Patrick talked about being “missionally agile.” What did he mean (see v. 3, cf. Ex. 12:11)?
7. What challenged you most about this week’s sermon? What new insights did you take away? What questions do you still have?