



## SERMON REFLECTION GUIDE

Luke, Part 29: The Internship - Luke 9:1-17 - June 8, 2025

### SERMON OUTLINE

Intro - Kyle Streun, learning on the job - watching then doing.

Most of us have experienced some form of “internship” where we were eased into full-time work - Now the disciples thrust into their first experience of doing what they’ve seen Jesus do.

#### A. The Internship (Luke 9:1-6)

In Luke’s gospel, Jesus has been primarily: **PREACHING** & **HEALING**

He now sends the 12 apostles to do the exact same thing - **proclaim the kingdom of God** and to **heal**. (v. 2) And he gives them the power to be able to do so.

What is *the Kingdom of God* that they are to proclaim?

- the presence of the rule and reign of God, where things come back into alignment with the good rhythms in which he created them to operate.
- Those realms where evil & darkness are repelled, and good & light are amplified.

The proclamation (*κηρύσσω*) of the kingdom of God (v. 2) and the preaching (*εὐαγγελίζω*) of the gospel (v. 6) come to be *synonymous* in the New Testament. The arrival of Jesus Christ inaugurates God’s Kingdom on earth, and the preaching of his gospel is how it spreads.

Therefore - the 12 preach the gospel and **they heal to authenticate their message**.

As Jesus’ interns in our world - we need the same things

- The message of the **gospel** containing real power (**Rom. 1:16**)
- A heart to **heal** - maybe not miraculously, but serving in a way that *brings good out of bad*.

We need less than we think! (v. 3)

- Never convince yourself that you don’t have what it takes to serve the Lord.
- Jesus intentionally sends his guys out with NOTHING, so they will rely on him.

Some will receive our ministry (v. 4) and some will not (v. 5)

Sometimes we will have:

#### B. Success!! (Luke 9:7-9)

The work of the disciples is so prolific that it reaches the ears of the king! Herod the tetrarch begins to wonder “*how in the world does this Jesus guy seem to be everywhere at once?*”

The apostles are doing their work well - they are ministering, but the focus is not on them or their names, but still the name of Jesus.

This is a great model for Christian ministry - to touch people’s lives in a way that leaves them deeply impressed - not with you, but with your Savior.

#### C. Failure?? (Luke 9:10-17)

*The feeding of the 5000* is the only pre-cross miracle that is recorded in all four gospels.

It occurs as Jesus and the disciples are actually trying to withdraw from the crowds, but are recognized and followed.

Quick note: Jesus goes right back to - **PREACHING** AND **HEALING** (v. 11)

It is getting late, and the disciples recommend that Jesus send them away to eat and sleep.

The Internship Final Exam: “You give them something to eat.” (v. 13)

In the Greek - “*you*” is an emphatic construction - **Y’all!** give them something to eat!

The disciples fail - where they were successful even without bread (see: v. 3), they now forget that *God’s power supersedes the resources they have on hand*.

The emphasis of the story is not on the little boy who offered his meager meal, but on the disciples who forget that Jesus has given them power.

The wonderful truth for us is that - even when we forget, Jesus is capable of more than we can imagine. He blesses the bread, he breaks the bread, and then he **gives** and **gives** and **gives**.



### **SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

1. What is something you had to learn on the job? Who gave you the resources to be able to do it successfully?
2. In this text, we see the combination of “preaching and healing” three separate times (v. 2, 6, 11) - how is this still a model for Christian ministry?
3. Can you winsomely articulate the gospel message? Why is this so important for a Christian?
4. Though not miraculously, how can we still bring about “healing” in people’s lives?
5. How were the disciples successful in v. 7-9?
6. How did they fail in the famous miracle story of v. 10-17?
7. Are we prone to forget that God’s power supersedes our resources?