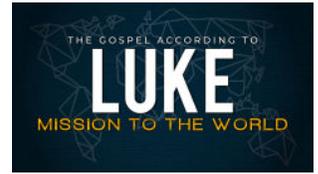


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Scripture: Luke 9:1-9



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Jesus sends his disciples on a mission to proclaim the inauguration of the Kingdom of God and teaches them to depend on his provision and how to respond to the reception of their message.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What did Jesus commission his disciples to do? How did he equip them?
- What did the miracles reveal about Jesus? How do they offer a foretaste of God's Kingdom?
- What unique role did the apostles play in the church (Ephesians 2:19-20; 3:4-6; 4:11-14)? As 21st-century followers of Jesus, where do we fit in God's mission to the world (Matthew 28:18-20)?
- Discuss how the great commission's global scale reveals God's heart.
- What did Jesus teach his disciples by sending them empty-handed (Luke 22:35)? Why do we tend to rely on ourselves rather than Christ (John 15:5)?
- How did Jesus prepare them for the responses they would receive? What did it mean to "shake the dust from your feet" (verse 5)?
- Why was Herod perplexed about Jesus (verses 7-9)? Are there people you know that are curious about Jesus? How can we help them?
- What is the gospel that we herald as followers of Christ? What should be our motivation for sharing the good news? How do we remain faithful to the mission of God in the face of opposition or offense (1 Corinthians 1:18; Romans 1:16)?