

Luke 9.1-36

Discipleship Basics

Disciple > Follower...duty of Calling Others to Follow

Ch 6: 12 Disciples called APOSTLES 'sent w Authority & Power of Jesus Ch 4 Sermon in Hometown Synagogue > Try KILL Jesus, throw off cliff!

Ch 6 Synagogue Capernaum – Heals Man on Sabbath 6.11 But they were filled w fury & discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

v. 22 “The Son of Man must suffer many things & be rejected by the elders & chief priests & scribes & be killed & on the 3rd day be raised”

Ch 9 Jesus hands Baton > INTERNSHIP: Not just HEAR, DO Something

1. Kingdom of Jesus

a. Capability v 2 he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God & heal

Kingdom is JESUS – He is King – Where He is, Kingdom Present

v. 27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.” > Ushered in STAGES >

Incarnation – Baptism – Cross – Resurrection – Ascension – Pentecost – Return of Jesus

1) Word & Deed v. 2 “proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal”

Preaching Primary 4.43 – “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”

Proclaim “message from Royal Court > Demand from the King

Apostles UNIQUE ability to Heal > Prove Truth & Power of Message

Jesus is Same, Yesterday, Today, Forever – Able to Heal – Sometimes!

“Whenever and wherever the church gets established, the church becomes the confirmation of the gospel...not by our miracles ordinarily, but we confirm God’s truth by our love, suffering, and sacrifice for Jesus”
Philip Ryken

Most Important work of Church > Not Temporary Healing > Eternal Life

2) Power & Authority v. 1 And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases

Power – Ability to Accomplish a Task / Authority – the Right to Do It

1985 invited to Speak Explo 85 – Makerere Uni / KLA – 300 miles South Ride w Catholic – Priests/Nuns – almost 100 road blocks – Kids w Guns

POWER > Guns in our Faces, Steal from Us / No Authority to Do So Spoke from John 18/19 – Jesus Trial before Pilate – Power No Authority John Wilson friend/speaker – Drove Wife & Mom – Shot Dead way Home Soldiers @ Roadblock – Power to Kill God’s Messenger / No Authority Jesus Christ: Creator God, Risen from Dead – Rules w Power & Authority

b. Care v. 3 And he said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics.

Koy Detmer QB Philly Eagles: Road Trips 1 set Clothes Entire Season

Not Final Word on How Much to Pay Pastor / Support a Missionary

Sent into Israel: Hospitality for God’s Servants was Expected & Done

IF God is All Powerful, His Servants will be Provided For

Church that Proclaims Jesus should PAY Bill to Advance Proclamation

v. 4 whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart

Be CONTENT > Don’t Worry about Upgrades: Bigger TV, Better WiFi

Retreat Needed v. 10 On their return the apostles told him all that they had done...he took them & withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida

Crowds 24/7: v. 11 When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing >

Jesus POURED Out HEART and HOURS!

D’s Peopled OUT: v. 12 “Send crowd away... find lodging & get provision!

Remember Jesus Training Disciples! Freely Received FREELY GIVE!

Responsible v. 13 “**You give them something to eat.**”

They were GOBSMACKED! 5 loaves & 2 fish, buy food for all these people

Acting like Men w Out God? > Ignoring Capability of Jesus

Disciples should learned to Expect the Unexpected from Jesus by

Now Robt. Morrison sent by London Mission Society to China 1805

Problem: Britain at war w Napoleon's France > few Ships to China

Ships East India Company – going > Refused to Transport Missionaries!

Sailed to USA trying Get Ship to China > Captain very Skeptical

“Do you really expect to make impression on idolatry of great Chinese Empire?” >> “No Sir! But I expect God will!” >> God DID! > Stayed 27 years in China, Translated Scriptures

God's power is made perfect in our weakness! Expect Unexpected from Je

v. 16 taking 5 loaves & 2 fish, he looked up to heaven & said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves & gave them to disciples to set before the crowd 17 they all ate & were satisfied, left over 12 baskets of pieces

“The pieces grew under his touch, and the disciples always found his hands full when they came back with their own empty”
Alexander Maclaren

“Every time God meets our needs, we should savor the abundance of his provision, so that the next time we find ourselves in need, we do not forget to trust him.”
Philip Ryken

2. Jesus the King

a. Who is Jesus? – His Person v. 18 “Who do crowds say I am?”

IF Jesus MERE MAN sounds Arrogant: What R people saying about ME?

Impossible to be WRONG about Jesus and be RIGHT with God

Acts 4.12 “there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

If Disciples Follow MUST make Sure we are Following RIGHT Jesus!

C.S. Lewis, spiritual autobiography: “Surprised by Joy” – Near to Faith...

“I know very well when the final step was taken, but not exactly how. I was driven to an English town one sunny morning. When we set out I did not believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and when we reached the zoo I did. Yet I had not exactly spent the journey in thought. Nor in great emotion...It was more like when a man, after a long sleep, still lying motionless in bed, becomes aware that he is now awake!”

v. 20 “who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Christ of God” Disciples get BOTH answers Right 1) What do YOU Say? BE SAVED!

2) What world says? To help friends meet the Real Jesus and be Saved

b. What did Jesus do? – His Work

Knowing WHO Jesus is – just Beginning – What did He do?

Almighty God – 2nd Person Trinity – Done More than we will Ever Know Main Reason came to Earth > DIE for our Sins > Pay our Penalty of Guilt Title ‘Christ/Messiah’ charged w Political Expectation – Revolution

v. 21 “he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one”

Not come to be Caesar or King of Israel – King of Kings/Lord of Lords Kingdom Achieved NOT by BALLOT or BULLET – by His BLOOD

v. 22 “The Son of Man must suffer many things & be rejected by the elders & chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised”

“wd **rejected**: technical term denotes rejection after careful legal scrutiny ...his society determined he was not qualified” Leon Morris

3. Crisis over the King

a. Receive & Rejoice v. 5 wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off dust from your feet as a testimony against them”

Rabbis taught DUST Gentile Lands carried Defilement: Remove Shoes

Matter Spiritual Life & Death: Reject Apostles, Not hear Gospel of Jesus

Receive Messengers: REJOICE! v. 6 they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

b. Curious & Convicted King

v. 7 Now Herod tetrarch heard about **all that was happening**...perplexed

Frightened > Holy Man Risen? v. 19 people say He is John the Baptist

Haunting Comment v. 9 “And he sought to see him” > RIGHT Question!

Found Jesus Fascinating > Never Trusted Jesus for Salvation

Grew more Hardened – Part of Trial that led to Jesus’ Execution!

It takes more than idle curiosity for someone to come to Christ. It takes repentance from sin and faith that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of sinners. We need to do more than take a look at Jesus; we need to come to the right conclusion about Him, knowing for sure that he is our Savior. Once we do, we will want other people to know Jesus too. We will go everywhere in the power of his Spirit and the authority of his name to preach the gospel and heal people with love.
Philip Ryken

c. Dying to Live

Modern Day Jesus > Tidy Up your Life and Fix your Problems

Jesus of Bible > Displays Glory, Power, Sovereign Rule over Life & Death

Jesus Preparing to Leave the Disciples > Die for Sins

Teaching about Discipleship – Following and calling Followers

Intense COSTLINESS of Being a Christian – Lifetime of Suffering

v. 23 “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

I am Going to Cross > And So are You! // Die to Self > Live for Christ

3 Different Ways of Saying Same Point > DENY, TAKE UP, FOLLOW!

DENY – Our Sinful Selves, Selfish, Sinful Desires > Not About Us!

TAKE UP – Our CROSS – Shocking Words of Grim Execution

Disciples seen Criminals dragging Crossbeam thru Town > Nailed to It

FOLLOW – Not know where we’re Going – Follow One who Does!

Jesus not talking about difficult people in our lives, work situation, physical limitations, or financial hardships – unless they’re because we are preaching the Gospel...rather, Jesus was speaking about the suffering that we endure for His sake, the hardships we face because we follow Christ!”
Philip Ryken

Paradox of Discipleship > SAVING your Life will LOSE It!

vs. 24,25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?

Word “LOSS” = Total Forfeit, like Ship Lost at Sea w All Hands

Jim Elliot “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose”

v. 26 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels”

Sobering Warning – Hard to Boldly Speak about Jesus – Pray in Public

If we are Ashamed of Jesus – He will be Ashamed of Us

d. Worship and the Word – Most Spectacular thing Apostle’s Ever Seen

No ordinary Prayer Meeting > Jesus revealed in Divine SPLENDOR

v. 28 he took Peter / John / James & went up on mountain to pray

Disciple Raised from the Dead by Faith in X > See the Kingdom of God

Kingly Power and Presence of Jesus > Glory seen in Difficulty

1) Alteration of Jesus v. 29 the appearance of his face was altered

Mt & Mk – metamorphosis / Lk “altered”

“clothing became dazzling white” > Light pressing out of His Being

Dr. Luke – Matter of Fact DIAGNOSIS – No Elaboration

People can Look – Happy, Sad, Tired > Son of God filled w Glory of God

Light of God was Reflected on Moses // Moon reflects the Sun

Lk 2 Shepherds sensed GLORY of Lord shining all Around Them

2) Conversation v. 30,31 Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. –

Moses & Elijah! 2 Great OT Saints / Both met w God on Mountains

Departure / Accomplish? – Did you accomplish your departure?

‘departure’ = EXODUS – Great Saving Event in OT History = Practice

Jesus would deliver from Bondage to Sin, Satan, Death, Condemnation

Jesus – True Passover Lamb and Firstborn Son > Die to Deliver

Accomplish Forgiveness, Liberty, Eternal Life of God's People, M & E!

3) Reaction v 32 Peter & those who were with him were heavy w sleep

Saw a Glory that No One in All History ever Seen – M & E & Jesus!

Revival is Exhausting! Repent! Confess! Exposed by Spirit of God!

v. 33 “And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said”

Peter's Words > Lacked Reality “good for us to be here” / Not about Us!

Books/Movies – People died went to Heaven >> About THEM!

Jesus some Vague, Fuzzy Light, Warm Feeling > Not Jesus of Bible

One Thing to be In Building > Another Sense what God is DOING!

Tabernacle? Want to Prolong Moment of Glory? Delay Suffering?

No Eternal Glory unless Jesus Suffers on Cross – We will Suffer in Him!

4) Proclamation – v. 34 As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

CLOUD – Shekinah Glory of God, AWE!

Same VERB in ch 1 – Holy Spirit OVERSHADOWED Mary w Jesus

v. 35 a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!”

Dt 18 – Listen to One Greater Than Moses

Ps 2 – God will give Kingdom to Son, All Nations, Kiss the Son

Isa 53 – Suffering Servant – wounded for our transgressions

v. 36 And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

LISTEN to HIM “Jesus found ALONE!” Law & Prophets Fulfilled

1000 different Needs > All of them Narrow Down to One

“Behold the Glory of the Lord Jesus Christ” – all bows down to Him

Peter on Mt. > Few Yrs Later – Cross, Resurr, Pentecost, Ap. to JEWS

2 NT Letters: 2nd Peter “I know that putting off of my body will be soon”

Old Age even More Sure TRUTH of Gospel of Risen Jesus

Glory & Power of Scriptures More Sure than Distant Memories of MTN

Declaration of Praise – 2 Peter 1.16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”**

we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. **And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,**

knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation.

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.