

**COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE****Sent & Satisfied in the Savior**

LUKE 9:1-17

**OVERVIEW**

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe his claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

**APPLY // LUKE 8:22-56**

1. Read Luke 8:22-56.
2. What is Luke's main point in this passage? How does this truth move you to worship and love Jesus?
3. How might you use this passage to apply a challenge you or a friend is facing?
4. How does this passage animate your imagination and longing for heaven, the Kingdom of God full and forever one earth?

**OBSERVE & INTERPRET // LUKE 9:1-17**

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

**Overview/Big Idea:** Jesus sends the disciples on a mission, with his purpose and his power, and he satisfies their every desire as they depend on him.

1. Read Luke 9:1-17.
2. Why did Jesus give "the twelve" power over demons and diseases before sending them out to proclaim the gospel? How does this tie into what we have already seen in Luke's gospel?
3. Up to this point, Jesus has been the one preaching and healing. What shift do you see here in this text? What's the significance of "the twelve" now taking on this work?\*
4. Notice Jesus begins by telling them what not to bring (v. 3). What are we to make of Jesus' instructions? Why does he tell his disciples not to bring these items?
5. In verse 5, Jesus tells his disciples to "shake off the dust from your feet" against those who reject the gospel. What does this mean and why does Jesus tell his disciples to act this way?
6. What do we learn about Jesus' purpose and power from verses 1-6?
7. In verses 7-9, Herod reappears in the narrative. What do we learn about Herod in these verses? Why does Luke insert this information here?

8. In verses 10-17, we read of Jesus feeding 5,000 men (and likely many other women and children) with five loaves of bread and two fish.
  - a. What do you notice about the apostles' comments to Jesus and his response? What's the mindset of the disciples? Why do you think Jesus said, "You give them something to eat"?
  - b. In verse 16, after Jesus blessed and broke the loaves, it says he "then gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd." Why do you think Jesus included his disciples in this way instead of miraculously making the loaves appear before the crowd?
  - c. In verse 17, Luke explicitly tells us "they all ate and were satisfied." Why do you think Luke made sure to tell us this? What does this fact tell us about Jesus?
  - d. What is significant about the disciples picking up twelve baskets full of broken pieces?
  - e. Can you think of any Old Testament events that are similar to what happens here? What's the significance of these connections to the story of God's people?
  - f. What does this miracle teach the disciples (and us) about Jesus?

**\*\*NOTE:** Luke 9:1-6 involved "the twelve" – men who would go on to become apostles of Jesus Christ. This is a historical even that applied uniquely to the apostles. It's not a strict pattern for all times...We know this because of Luke 22:35-36 (which comes as Jesus approaches his crucifixion). Luke 22:35-36 becomes the pattern for all disciples. We know this because of Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8. We have the same purpose but now have a greater power than the disciples in Luke 9—the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit. (Adapted from Thabiti Anyabwile, *Exalting Jesus in Luke*).

- General Bible study questions:
  - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
  - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
  - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
  - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
  - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** Share some personal places in your life where Jesus' authority is bringing you comfort. Are there areas where you need to be more aware of Jesus' gracious and good authority?