Insights from Luke

#29: "Learning to Become Apostles" Luke 9:1-9

Luke 9:1-2

"1 And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. ² And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing."

9:1 -- Authority given to fulfill the mission.

9:2 -- Preach and Heal

9:3-5 -- How they were to execute their mission.

9:7-9 -- How people responded to them.

Matthew 10:5-6

"5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: 'Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; ⁶ but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Romans 1:16

"16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Luke 9:3-4

"³ And He said to them, 'Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have two tunics apiece. ⁴ Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that city.'"

Luke 9:5

"5 And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

Luke 9:6

"6 Departing, they began going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere."

Luke 9: 7-9

"7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening; and he was greatly perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, 8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen again. 9 Herod said, 'I myself had John beheaded; but who is this man about whom I hear such things?' And he kept trying to see Him."

Archelaus

Antipas

Philip

Lysanias

Mark 6:20

"20 ... for Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him."

Mark 6:26

"26 And although the king was very sorry, yet because of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he was unwilling to refuse her."

The gospel of the Lord Jesus' kingdom is still preached.

Spiritual maturity cannot occur without trusting God instead of our own resources.

Herod Antipas' life tells us that desiring to hear the preached word is not enough.

Herod's example reminds us of how important a firm desire for Christ is in the life of a believer.

Our preaching is to be Christocentric.

Luke 24:27

"27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures."