Jesus said ...

The Words of Jesus Series

Discipleship

Take Up Your Cross

Context: Luke 9-10, Matthew 10, 14, Mark 6, John 6

Outline

Lesson 1 – Disciples Are Sent (Luke 9:1-6, Luke 10:1-24)

Lesson 2 – Food & Drink (Luke 9:22-27, John 6:26-71)

Lesson 3 – The Good Samaritan (Luke 9:46-62, Luke 10:25-42)

Twice Jesus sends out His disciples. In Luke 9 He sends the twelve and then in Luke 10 he sends out seventy. Some of the directions He gave them may apply to us today as well. After feeding of the 5000, the Transfiguration, and walking on water, Jesus gives a discourse on discipleship. When a lawyer tries find a loop hole in God's law, Jesus' closes it with the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Finally, he tells Martha what is the only necessary thing.

Suggested methodology for each lesson:

- 1. Fellowship
- 2. Take prayer requests
- 3. Pray
- 4. Read the lesson text aloud from the Bible (You may want to do this one question at a time.)
- 5. Answer and briefly discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer.
- 6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.
- 7. Discuss your Think & Pray answers. Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.
- 8. Close in prayer
- 9. Fellowship

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"



If you were ashamed of Jesus while on Earth, then why would you dream your name would someday be on Heaven's Roll Call? Luke 9:26

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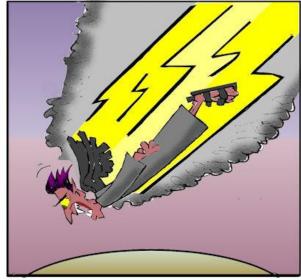
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Lesson 1 – Disciples Are Sent (Luke 9:1-6, Luke 10:1-24) Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions: [1A] Luke 9:1 What authority did Jesus give the twelve? [1B] Luke 9:2-5 What were they to take with them? [1C] Luke 9:6 What did they do as they went through the villages? [1D] Luke 10:1-3 He sent them as what among the wolves? [1E] Luke 10:4 What were they to take with them? [1F] Luke 10:5-9 What were they to say? " [1G] Luke 10:10-16 If they rejected the disciples Who were they also rejecting? [1H] Luke 10:17-20 How did the disciples feel when they returned? [11] Luke 10:21-22 To whom are the hidden things revealed? [1J] Luke 10:23-24 Who wished to see the things the disciples saw? [1K] We just read in Luke 9:1-6 and Luke 10:1-16 Jesus sent His disciples on a journey without any supplies. Why do you think He did this? What about us as His disciples today? (See also Mark 6:7-13 & Matthew 10:1-15) Think & Pray _____

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Jesus said... I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven. Luke 10:18

----- ANSWERS -----

Lesson 1 – Disciples Are Sent

- [1A] Luke 9:1 What authority did Jesus give the twelve? Over demons and healing diseases
- [1B] Luke 9:2-5 What were they to take with them? Nothing
- [1C] Luke 9:6 What did they do as they went through the villages? Preached the gospel, and healed
- [1D] Luke 10:1-3 He sent them as what among the wolves? <u>Lambs</u>
- [1E] Luke 10:4 What were they to take with them? Nothing
- [1F] Luke 10:5-9 What were they to say? "The kingdom of God has come near to you." (Mt 10:7)
- [1G] Luke 10:10-16 If they rejected the disciples Who were they also rejecting?

Jesus and the One who sent Jesus (which is God the Father, of course)

- [1H] Luke 10:17-20 How did the disciples feel when they returned? Joyful
- [11] Luke 10:21-22 To whom are the hidden things revealed? <u>Infants</u>
- [1J] Luke 10:23-24 Who wished to see the things the disciples saw? Many prophets and kings

[1K] The Bible does not say why He did it, but I think He sent them that way, so they could witness firsthand the loving care of our Heavenly Father, and so that when they were successful the Father would get the glory, not their abilities to prepare themselves. As for us today, Paul wrote in 1st Corinthians 1:27, "But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong."

For further thought:

- (1L) In Luke 10:17-22 both the disciples and Jesus were joyful, but for different reasons. What was the difference? What about you? What is the source of your joy and how does that line up with Godliness? (Hint: Philippians 4:4-13)
- (1m) What is Luke 21-22 talking about? (Hint: Matthew 19:13-14)
- (1n) In Matthew 10:5 we have the added detail that the twelve were sent only to Jewish people. Why do you think He did this? (Hint: Matthew 15:21-28)
- (10) In Mark 6:7 we have the added detail that the twelve were sent out in pairs. Why do you think He did this? (Hint: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
- (1p) In Luke 10:23-24 and Matthew 13:16-17 Jesus talks about the privilege the disciples had of seeing something others wanted to see. What is He talking about? (Hint: 1st John 1:1-5)
- (1q) Compare Acts 13:51 and Acts 18:6 with Matt 10:14, Mark 6:11, Luke 9:5 and Luke 10:11. What did you learn?

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Lesson 2 – Food & Drink (Luke 9:22-27, John 6:26-71)

Jesus miraculously feeds 5,000 (Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:33-44, Luke 9:12-27, John 6:1-14), walks on water (Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:15-25), and meets privately with Elijah and Moses on the mount of "Transfiguration" (Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:1-9, Luke 9:28-45) What he had to say afterwards is recorded in the most detail in John 6:26-71.

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:
[2A] Luke 9:23-27 What does it cost to follow Jesus?
[2B] John 6:26-29 How may we work the works of God?
[2C] John 6:30-34 The bread of God comes down from heaven and does what?
[2D] John 6:35-36 What did Jesus say He was?
[2E] John 6:37-40 Who will raise believers on the last day?
[2F] John 6:41-43 Who will come to Jesus?
[2G] John 6:44-51 What kind of bread is He?
[2H] John 6:52-58 Who has no life?
[2I] John 6:60 What did His disciples say about the last statement above?
[2J] John 6:61-65 Who gives life?
[2K] John 6:66-68 Why did Peter continue to follow Jesus?
[2L] John 6:69-71 What did Peter call Jesus?
[2M] When Jesus said we must eat His flesh and drink His blood, what was He talking about? (Hint: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-32, 1 Corinthians 15:3, 20-24
Think & Pray



Lesson 2 – Food & Drink

- [2A] Luke 9:23-27 What does it cost to follow Jesus? Everything "Taking up your cross" literally means to haul the means of your execution to the place of your death. It is a figure of speech here.
- [2B] John 6:26-29 How may we work the works of God? Believe in Him Whom He has sent. (i.e. Jesus)
- [2C] John 6:30-34 The bread of God comes down from heaven and does what? Gives life to the world
- [2D] John 6:35-36 What did Jesus say He was? The bread of life
- [2E] John 6:37-40 Who will raise believers on the last day? Jesus
- [2F] John 6:41-43 Who will come to Jesus? Those drawn to Him by the Father
- [2G] John 6:44-51 What kind of bread is He? Living bread
- [2H] John 6:52-58 Who has no life? Those who do not eat His flesh and blood
- [21] John 6:60 What did His disciples say about the last statement above? It is a difficult statement
- [2J] John 6:61-65 Who gives life? The Spirit
- [2K] John 6:66-68 Why did Peter continue to follow Jesus? Because Jesus had the words of eternal life
- [2L] John 6:69-71 What did Peter call Jesus? The Holy One of God

[2M] He was talking about His death and resurrection being the means of our eternal life.

For further thought:

- (2n) Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing some of your closest friends?
- (20) Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means alienation from your family?
- (2p) Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means the loss of your reputation?
- (2q) Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your job?
- (2r) Are you willing to follow Jesus if it means losing your life?
- (2s) What have you already given up to follow Jesus? What has your discipleship cost you?



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Lesson 3 – The Good Samaritan (Luke 9:46-62, Luke 10:25-42) Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions: [3A] Luke 9:46-48 Who is great? [3B] Luke 9:49-50 Who is for you? [3C] Luke 9:51-56 Why did the Son of Man come? [3D] Luke 9:57-62 Who are to bury the dead? [3E] Luke 10:25-28 Briefly, what are the two commandments mentioned? [3F] Luke 10:29 Why did the lawyer ask for a definition of neighbor? [3G] Luke 10:30-32 Who passed by the injured man? [3H] Luke 10:33-35 Who helped the injured man? [3I] Luke 10:36-37 Did Jesus leave the lawyer any wiggle room to weasel out of obeying the law? [3I] Luke 10:38-42 What is the one necessary thing? [3K] There are three different people mentioned in Luke 9:57-62 who spoke with Jesus about following Him. Did any of them follow Him? How do you know? (Hint: Matthew 8:18-22, 1 Kings 19:20) Think & Pray



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Lesson 3 – The Good Samaritan (Luke 9:46-62, Luke 10:25-42)

- [3A] Luke 9:46-48 Who is great? He who is least
- [3B] Luke 9:49-50 Who is for you? He who is not against you
- [3C] Luke 9:51-56 Why did the Son of Man come? To save men's lives
- [3D] Luke 9:57-62 Who are to bury the dead? The dead
- [3E] Luke 10:25-28 Briefly, what are the two commandments mentioned?

Love God and love your neighbor

- [3F] Luke 10:29 Why did the lawyer ask for a definition of neighbor? To justify himself
- [3G] Luke 10:30-32 Who passed by the injured man? A Priest and a Levite They were expected in that culture to be the ones who did the "right" thing
- [3H] Luke 10:33-35 Who helped the injured man? <u>A Samaritan</u> They were intensely disliked by the Jewish people as a result of feud that had gone on for half a millennium.
- [3I] Luke 10:36-37 Did Jesus leave the lawyer any wiggle room to weasel out of obeying the law? No
- [3J] Luke 10:38-42 What is the one necessary thing? Listening to the words of Jesus

[3K] The Bible does not explicitly say what happens after Jesus talks to them. In each case He explains the cost, but we are not told how the person reacts. The first one volunteers to follow Jesus, and Jesus explains "wherever" is not well defined, and that He might end up homeless. The second one is called by Jesus but he either wants to attend a funeral or to take care of an elderly father until he dies. It could mean either. Jesus explains the time is now. Later is not promised to us. A third volunteers but wants to run back to the house and say farewell. Jesus, alluding to Elijah's call of Elisha in 1 Kings 19, tells him there can be no hesitation. Any way you look at it, these three sound a lot like the lawyer who asked about the definition of the word "neighbor?" They seem to not be completely serious about following Jesus Christ and doing that one necessary thing, which is to listen to Him. Are you serious about being Jesus' disciple?

For further thought:

- (3L) In Luke 9:54 were James and John serious? Did they think they could really call down lightning? Could they?
- (3m) In Luke 10:29 the lawyer was looking for a "loop hole" in God's laws. What can we do to keep ourselves from looking for wiggle room in God's laws?
- (3n) The parable of the Good Samaritan is based on the idea that the priest and Levites were supposed to be the good example and the Samaritans were supposed to be the bad example, but the opposite occurred. Who are you looking to be a good example? Whose good example are you?
- (30) What did you learn in this course that you would like to remember?
- (3p) If someone asked you what this course was about, what would you tell them?
- (3q) What scripture from this course would be best to memorize? Why?

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