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Jesus Says...
Off You Go!

Luke 9:1-6, 10a

I've been discovering God's purpose for my life and it is not to live for myself, but to serve Him by serving others. I'm trying embrace the real concept of what it means to be a disciple of Christ, rather than a pew-potato.

Off the Couch!

We need the best of both Mary and Martha!

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Examining the Word

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Examining the Word

Call to Serve (vs. 1-2)

- This is but one of several specific calls to ministry
 - Chapter 5 – fishers of men
 - Chapter 6 – designated as apostles
 - Disciple* = a learner, someone whose life is shaped or mentored by another person
 - Apostle* = a ‘sent one,’ formally appointed and authorized to represent another person.
 - Chapter 9
 - Sent 2x2 exclusively to Jewish cities
 - Authenticated by miraculous signs and wonders
 - Chapter 10 12 + 60 others sent out

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Call to Serve (vs. 1-2)

- This is but one of several calls to minister
- This was their assignment, not ours
 - The Great Commission is yet to come
Acts 1:8; Matt 28:18; Acts 1:8
 - Note the difference between what is written *for* us and what is written *to* us – see II Tim 3:16 & Rom 15:4.

We must be careful to experience the teachings of the apostles, rather than to teach the experience of the apostles...

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- This is but one of several calls to minister
- This was their assignment, not ours
- The message of the gospel addresses both man's physical and the spiritual needs
 - 'Full Gospel' – redemption of both body and soul, the reversal of sin's curse both materially and spiritually.
 - We are to give a 'cup of cold water' in Jesus' name as well as a message of life through Jesus' death.

Sharing the gospel message without compassion and concern for the physical needs of people is not the way of Christ; but neither is simply attempting to meet their physical needs without sharing the gospel message!

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- **Make no special provisions, take only what you have with you: travel light and unencumbered.**
- **Note the important spiritual lesson (Luke 22:35,36)**
 - **The One who calls is the One who supplies what is needed**
 - **It is a good thing to have to trust God for our needs!
Lack of abundant resources fosters living faith.**
 - **God often graciously designs situations that drive home the need to trust Him!**

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Realistic Expectations (vs. 5)

- ‘Shaking off the dust’ – a response to rejection of Jesus’ message
- Know what to expect – see Matt 10:14 ff.
- The servant’s success is not measured by results but instead by the Master’s ‘well done’!

Obedience and Accountability (vs. 6, 10a)

- They came back and reported
see also 10:7 & Acts 13:1-3; 14:26,27.

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Examining the Word

Applying the Word

Call to Serve (vs. 1-2)

Do what I tell you to do!

Limited Resources (vs. 3-4)

Trust Me! I will provide what you need to do what I call you to do!

Realistic Expectations (vs. 5)

I measure 'success' quite differently!

Obedience and Accountability (vs. 6, 10a)