

**Series** The Journey Matters

Passage Luke 9:1-6

**Title** Leading a Fully Engaged Life (Part 3) **Speaker:** Pastor J.C. Cooper - 10/21/2018

**Discussion Starter** – What are some of the things you have learned from this series and the importance of the journey that have encouraged you to lead a more fully engaged life for Christ?

## The Followers of Jesus Participate in God's work and are Sent into the World (Luke 9:1-4)

- In reading Luke 9:1, we see that the 12 disciples were empowered by Jesus to have authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. How does this empowerment apply to us as Christians today? In what way do we see demons manifested in our society today?
- In Luke 9:2, Jesus sends the 12 disciples to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

  What is the significance and purpose of each component of this two part mission? How do we incorporate this plan as we are sent out to reach a lost and dying world?
- What was the context of what 12 disciples were called to preach as the kingdom of God and how does that compare to gospel that we preach today? Read Ezekiel 33:10-11. 1 Corinthians 15:1-5. Discuss what additional insights these verses gives us to the question above?
- In Luke 9:3, the disciples are instructed to take nothing with them on this journey. Why do you think Jesus gave the 12 disciples this instruction? Read Matthew 10:5-15. What additional insights do we gain from reading Matthew's version of the sending of the 12 disciples?

## **Discern when to Stay and when to Walk Away** (Luke 9: 4-6)

- Read Luke 9:4-5. How were the disciples to know which house to enter and once they entered what were they instructed to do? Read Matthew 10:11. How might we apply this same discernment in the mission field we are sent to?
- What is the significance of shaking the dust off of their feet?
- What are some of the things that can keep us from obeying the call to share the gospel with those who are around us? Read Romans 1:16, Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 10:32-33, John 14:11-14 and Mark 16:15-16. What instruction or encouragement do you see in these verses?