

ULC Sermon Study Resource
The Gospel of Luke // Jesus Sends
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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: What is your favorite midnight snack?

Reading: Luke 9:1-9, 18-27

Outline:

- I. The Nature of Being Sent (v. 1-3)
 - a. Like the apostles, we are called by Jesus, equipped by his Spirit, and sent out as an ambassador of his Kingdom.
 - b. We are equipped by God and dependent on Him to show up and provide for us.
Q: *Why did Jesus tell his disciples not to bring anything with them?*
- II. The Confession of Those Sent (v. 18-22)
 - a. Peter confesses what he believes to be true, that Jesus is the Christ.
 - b. The church was built on this confession, and we are a part of this faith today.
Q: *Who do the crowds believe Jesus is?*
- III. The Cost of Being Sent (v. 23-25)
 - a. Jesus says that to follow Him, we must deny ourselves and take up our cross.
 - b. The invitation comes with a promise that by paying a price in this life for Him, our souls will be saved.
Q: *What does Jesus say will happen to someone that tries to save his life?*

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) Why do you think many Christians prefer to stay in their comfort zone, even though Jesus taught us to proclaim the gospel to an unbelieving world?
- 2) Does it bring you comfort to know that God equips you with all you need when you are sent?
- 3) How can we remember to have a sent posture? Do you ever struggle to maintain this?
- 4) Why do we have creeds that we say in church? What do these creeds mean?
- 5) What do we gain when we pay the cost of following Jesus? How does this knowledge impact the way you live your life?

Suggestions for further study:

- Ephesians 2:20 **Q: *What is our church built on?***
- Matthew 28:16-20 **Q: *With what authority does Jesus send us?***
- Romans 10:9-10 **Q: *What role does our confession play in whether or not we are saved?***

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, we thank you that you have sent your Spirit into our lives so that we might know who you are, the Messiah. You invite us and equip us to be sent out as your ambassadors. Jesus, we recognize that that cost can be high to follow you, and we pray that we would look to you for strength in times of need. Jesus, may you be enough for us, and may we be content in you. We pray that we would joyfully follow after you. We pray this in your holy name, Amen.