

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#29 – “Learning to Become Apostles” – Luke 9:1-9

I. Introduction

A. Learning

1. Classroom vs. Experience
2. Classrooms are good, but experience has its place.

B. The apostles

1. They are about to get real life experience on their own.

II. Exposition

A. Luke 9:1-2

1. Jesus desires that his chosen men have practical experience before he heads for Jerusalem.

2. An outline of today’s text.

- a. 9:1 Authority given to fulfill mission
- b. 9:2 Preach and heal
- c. 9:3-6 How they are to execute this mission
- d. 9:7-9 How people responded to them

3. Proclaim the kingdom

- a. Preaching
- b. Follow Jesus’ example – Luke 4:43, 7:22; 8:1

4. Go first to the House of Israel – Matt. 10:5-6; Rom. 1:16

5. Given power and authority

B. Luke 9:3-4

1. What about mission support?

2. Empathy for missionaries.

3. Urgency for this ministry.

4. On support: Jesus later said the opposite – Luke 22:36.

C. Luke 9:5

1. Rejected message – sober warning. Matt. 10:15

2. Consequence for rejection.

- a. I Cor. 16:22; II Thess. 1:6-9; Matt. 7:6

D. Luke 9:6

1. Urgency is about life and death.

E. Luke 9:7-9

1. Who is this Herod? One of Herod the Great’s children.

2. The raising of John the Baptist or Elijah.

3. “He wanted to see him” – He asked the right questions, “Who is this man?” but he never got it.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. The gospel of the Lord Jesus’ kingdom is still preached.

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

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

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

- E. Preaching is to be Christocentric.