

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

## *A Message of Hope and Fulfillment For Those Longing For God*

### *Are You Ready?*

Luke 9: 1-6

In review in the past year of our study in the Gospel of Luke, I find that we are basically keeping pace with the amount of time it originally took for these events to transpire. As we do a retrospective analysis, several interesting things begin to emerge:

#### I. Where Have We Been, What Have We Heard?

- A. We began our study on August 18, 2013. Since then we have considered the events of eight chapters in a total of thirty-six messages:
  - 1. Approximately six messages per chapter
  - 2. Luke has 24 chapters, we are one third of the way through
  - 3. It has taken us a year in our study, and it has taken approximately a year in the life of Jesus and His disciples: over the course of a year we have studied what they have experienced in about the same period of time.
- B. As we analyze the content and themes of the passages and the messages the following topics emerge:
  - 10—messages on surrender to God and being under the influence of the Holy Spirit
  - 8—messages on dealing with the enemy:
    - 4—on dealing with temptation
    - 4—on demons and spiritual warfare
  - 4—messages on the person of Jesus, His humanity and His deity
  - 4—messages on our attitudes toward and treatment of others

#### II. Sending Out the Twelve

- A. After spending approximately a year with Jesus and living out the events and lessons we have studied, Jesus called the twelve together and gave them an assignment:  
*He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing.*
- B. Question: Do you think you are ready, right now, to go out and proclaim the kingdom of God, to cast out demons and to perform healings?

#### III. Revisiting the Elementary Principles

- A. Submitting to the transformational power of the Word of God: admittedly we have only heard of the things Jesus did and said, we have not seen them with our eyes and experienced them. In this respect, however, we are no different from the early Hebrew believers.
- B. Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. If we are lacking confidence we need to review His teaching and promises.
- C. These are the fundamentals at this stage of growth: surrender to God and dependence on the Holy Spirit, understanding Who Jesus is, knowing how to deal with the devil, knowing how to relate to those outside of Christ and how to relate to one another.

And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing. And He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have two tunics apiece. "Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that city. "And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." Departing, they began going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

**Luke 9:1-6**

Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

**Hebrews 5:11-14**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How long does it take to go from being born again to becoming an elder in the local church?
2. What does the writer of Hebrews mean when he says, "By this time you ought to be teachers."? Is everyone supposed to be a teacher? Are there different kinds of teachers? Is this an official role or a measure of how much comprehension of spiritual truth you possess? Explain.
3. How could the twelve disciples so quickly cast out demons and heal the sick?
4. Were they ready at this time to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, in essence to participate in the establishment of the Church?

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.  
**1 Peter 1: 8-9**

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