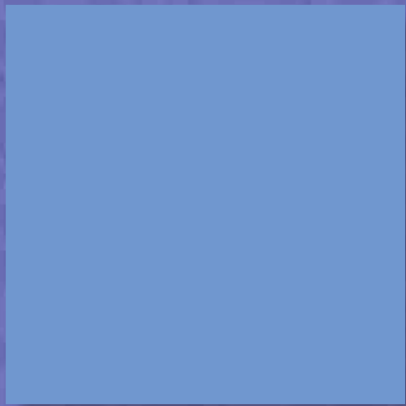


C H A P T E R



1. Read the chapter at least twice before starting the study guide. This is not busy work, becoming familiar with the chapter will help you see things the Holy Spirit wants to reveal to you.
2. Look up the words below, using a Strong's Concordance or a good Bible dictionary.
  - a. Gave
  - b. Power
  - c. Authority

3. Using the definitions you wrote, rewrite Luke 9:1, in your own words.
4. Because of the right bestowed on the twelve, by Christ, they had \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ over demons. What could be done to them?

Because of the right bestowed on the twelve by Christ they could \_\_\_\_\_ people of diseases.

5. What was the two-fold assignment given to the disciples that day?
6. This is true of our call as believers and followers of Christ. Jesus calls us to himself, equips us for the assignment each day and he sends us out. What is your divine assignment today?

Please don't say, "I don't know" and leave it at that. Ask the Lord, he will equip you and lead you. Pay close attention as you do dig into this chapter. God's word is often where we get our assignments.

7. Jesus is the best example when it comes to leadership. Jesus called his disciples to him and equipped and empowered them. He gave them instructions as to what he wanted them to do and how they were to carry out their assignment. He told them how to deal with difficult situations and people. Then he sent them out, thus multiplying his reach with the good news. The scripture says they were to proclaim the kingdom of God.  
What do you believe was meant by proclaim the kingdom of God? Read Luke 9:2 and 6 again.
8. After reading Luke 9:3-5, why do you believe the apostles were to not worry about provisions? How much time might be wasted gathering for the "what if's" that could be better spent allowing God to be our provider?
9. Not only would taking no supplies lighten their load, it gives others a chance to be a part of God's work.  
What ministries are you partnering with and providing for in some way with your time, your treasure or your talents?
10. Look up and define the words disciple and apostle. Jesus had many disciples, what is the main distinction between the two?
  - a.
  - b.

11. The fact that the twelve did not take provisions, would keep them fully dependant on God for food and lodging. This would keep their focus upward and acknowledging that God is the One providing for their needs.

Who or what are you focused on for your provisions?

Would you need to shift your focus if you lost your present income?

12. In verses 7-9, which government leader heard about all that was happening. What was his response?

What are some synonyms for how he felt hearing of all that was going on?

13. A guilty conscience is a terrible burden to bear. What did this Roman leader feel guilty about? (The truth is he had much to feel guilty about but specifically what was worrying him.)

14. Look up 1 John 1:9 to see what the New Testament says about a guilty conscience.

15. Everywhere Jesus went, word got out that he was there and the crowds followed. The apostles returned and reported all they had seen and done while they were gone. The scripture tells us Jesus took them and went to Bethsaida, a lovely place on the shore of Galilee, so he and the disciples could be alone for a little while. It did not last long. The crowd learned where they were and went to see Jesus. I am quite sure Jesus and his disciples were tired. They had been ministering, teaching, healing the sick and casting out demons. Ministry can be exhausting. Read Luke 9:11 again. What amazing and compassionate example did Jesus give us?

16. Think back over the last few days, can you relate to being exhausted from caring for the needs of others?

17. There are times when we are tired and we simply refuse to meet another need. I believe this could be the times we miss out on our greatest blessings. How different would Luke 9:12-17 read, had Jesus said, "No more today, we are exhausted?"

18. Have you ever experienced a situation like this?

I recall a night many years ago, it was just before nine and I sat down for the first time all day. My daughter called to me from upstairs, "*Momma, would you come up here.*" I didn't even answer her right away. I was trying to choose my words carefully, when she said it again. "*Momma would you please come up here.*" Everything in me wanted remain seated and say, "*What is it you need?*" Then I could at least decide whether or not it warranted me climbing the stairs. But something in me, the Holy Spirit, said don't say it just go. I am so thankful that I did. That was the night my second daughter gave her heart to Jesus. I did not even know she had been thinking about it that day. She probably would have gotten saved later, but I would have missed the opportunity of talking to her about this and praying with her myself. Thank you Father for the memory of this great blessing.

19. Luke 9:11 ...He \_\_\_\_\_ them and spoke to them about \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ those who needed \_\_\_\_\_.

20. The scripture tells us it was late in the afternoon and the disciples came to Jesus, asking him to dismiss the crowd. This makes me smile to read this.  
The disciples must have thought Jesus had lost track of the time. I'm not sure which of the twelve was the spokesman, but one of them mentioned to Jesus, "*Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.*" Jesus did not disagree. It was late, it was a desolate place, the crowd was in need of food. Instead of dismissing the crowd, what did Jesus instruct them to do?
21. How great was this need? Doable or seemingly impossible?
22. Has Jesus ever asked you to reach out in a way that seemed humanly impossible?
23. I love the response of the disciples to Jesus's direction when he said, "*You give them something to eat.*" They replied "*We have only five loaves of bread and two fish-unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.*" What had the disciples attention, their small provisions or their great provider?

Have you ever been faced with a monumental task that would bring God glory? Did you think, I wish I had the money, I'd give it and do something great for the kingdom of God? Let's think, what need has God brought to your attention today?

## Day Three

24. What did Jesus do with what they had?
25. This is a wonderful example for all of us. When there is a need. We must talk to our heavenly Father and ask him to bless our provisions, then give what we have.  
Choose one of these three words to go in each blank: faithful, multiply, responsibility  
It is our \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ with what we have been given,  
it is God's responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ and meet the need.
26. How many men, not counting the women and children, were present on that day, to experience first hand the gracious goodness of God in this miracle?  
What was the result?
27. The disciples had a front row seat to watch Jesus even in his most intimate and private moments. Luke 9:18 tells us that Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him. Jesus stops praying and asked them a question.  
Read Luke 9:18 again, what question did he ask them?
28. What was their three-fold answer?  
a.  
b.  
c.
29. Jesus then asked them a second question, "But what about you, who do you say I am?"  
Who answered as the spokesman for the group?  
What was his answer?

30. This truly is the most important question anyone will ever need to consider. Did you know we are considering it with every decision we make?

When posed with an opportunity to do something of eternal value, do we do it or do we procrastinate; or even worse do we give in to our own selfish desires and neglect his request?

31. Some translations of Luke 9:20 say “The Christ of God,” some say “God’s Messiah.” These are both translated from the Greek word *Christos*, it means the Anointed One, the Messiah, the Son of God. He is the long-awaited One from God, the Savior of the world. This goes beyond just knowing a fact. It means holding it as truth to live by. If we hold this to be truth, how should it affect our thoughts, words, actions and relationships?
32. In Luke 9:21-27, we are allowed to know the details of a very private conversation between Jesus and his disciples. Jesus told them not to share this information with anyone. (verse 21) He was sharing this news with them, because this had been God’s plan since the foundation of the world. He did not want them to be caught by surprise. What were the details shared concerning the Son of Man in verse 22?
- a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
33. Luke 9:23 NIV “Whoever wants to be my \_\_\_\_\_ must \_\_\_\_\_ and take up their cross \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ me.”
34. What do you believe it means to deny yourself?
35. What does it mean to take up your cross?
36. What does it mean to follow Jesus?
37. The twelve would soon experience the suffering Jesus was referring to here. They would be called to deny themselves, to say no to personal comforts of life, and to take a stand for Christ in a very hostile environment. How about you, are you willing to deny yourself and take up your cross daily in order to follow Jesus?

What might that look like today?

38. Jesus has made it very clear what he expects of his followers. He wants us to follow him out of love and obedience. We have said it before, partial or delayed obedience is really \_\_\_\_\_.

39. Luke 9:25 asks another very important question, *“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very...his very self.”* This same question is found in Mark, the wording is a bit different but it is the same conversation.  
Mark 8:36-37  
***“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in exchange for his soul?”***  
Please, take a few minutes to seriously think about what you have just read, These questions are of eternal consequence. How would you answer?
40. Luke 9:28 tells us, eight days later, Jesus took Peter, John and James with him up the mountain to pray. They got to experience something lifechanging that day. According to verses 29-30, while Jesus was praying something amazing happened?
- a.
  - b.
  - c.
41. Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus. What were they discussing?
42. Peter, James and John had been very sleepy. Don't you love learning these men were just like us. They got tired and, even though it was a time of prayer, they were overcome with sleep. Have you ever fallen asleep while praying?
43. When they awoke they saw an amazing sight, Jesus in radiant glory standing before them and he was with Moses and Elijah. Peter wanted to put up a more permanent structure for Moses, Elijah and Jesus. He wanted this to last. The scripture says Peter did not know what he was saying. This makes me smile. Even though he did not have a full understanding, he knew he did not want it to end. But end it did, Moses and Elijah were gone. At that moment, a voice came from the cloud.  
Who was speaking?  
What did he say?
44. God's presence is often manifested in the cloud.  
What were these specific events?  
100 bonus points for answering this question.
- a. Genesis 9:16
  - b. Exodus 13:21
  - c. Exodus 24:15-16
  - d. Exodus 40:34
  - e. Leviticus 16:2
  - f. Numbers 9:17
  - g. Matthew 17:5
45. Last week we looked at what it means to listen well. We said we are to listen to understand. We are to listen to obey. And we are to listen to bear fruit. God spoke from heaven and said, *“This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”*  
How are you at listening to Jesus?

Does he have to repeat himself over and over to get your attention?

Or are you in tune with the voice of the Good Shepherd?

46. Jesus is alone with his disciples again and they came down the mountain. Peter, James and John kept these things to themselves. Why do you suppose Jesus did not want them to be talking about this event when they came down?  
Read Matthew 17:9, before you answer.

47. Do not miss the mention of the large crowd, when Jesus came down the mountain. Who quickly becomes the focus of this large crowd?

What facts can be found about this person?

48. The scripture tells us the man had asked the disciples to cast out this demon, but they were unable. Did this seem odd to you?  
The apostles had been successfully doing that very thing only a few days before.

49. Jesus has some very harsh words that day. Specifically what did he say?

Some commentaries say Jesus was not speaking to the apostles. That he was speaking to the Phariesss and others who would have been there that day. I am not sure but it certainly could have been the apostles. Jesus had just given them power and authority over demons. What did it show when they were unable to help?

50. We too have been given this power and authority. All we need to do is exercise it, within the will of our God. What would you like to see happen today that will require great faith, power and authority?

51. After this amazing miracle, Jesus once again speaks to those following him and tries to help them see that he would very quickly be taken away. The scripture said they did not understand and were afraid to ask.  
Instead, what is the conversation, going on between them that day?

52. Jesus is such a gentle teacher. He does not get upset and chide them. He is trying to tell them of his imminent death and they are discussing who is the greatest. What does Jesus do?

53. Luke 9:51-62 tells us the time for Jesus to be taken up to heaven is at hand. From this point on, we will see Jesus is headed for Jerusalem. Jesus is approached by three men who appear to have the heart to follow Him.  
What is the problem?

54. What does Jesus say to these men?

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55. Is there anything wrong with wanting a home to go to each night?  
Is there anything wrong with a son burying his father?  
Is there anything wrong with saying goodbye to loved ones?  
What was the real issue for these men?

56. We do not come to Christ on our own terms, we do not come with our own agenda. How are we to come?
  
57. A distracted follower will not have strong faith. What are some of the things that distract us and keep us from accomplishing great things of kingdom value?