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### Luke 9:1-9

#### Swahili

Yesu akawaita pamoja wanafunzi wake kumi na wawili na kuwapa mamlaka na uwezo wa kufukuza pepo wote na kuponya magonjwa yote. Kisha akawatuma waende wakautangaze Ufalme wa Mungu na kuponya wagonjwa. Akawaagiza akisema, "Msichukue cho chote safarini, wala fimbo, wala mkoba, wala chakula, wala fedha; na msichukue nguo za kubadili. Mkikaribishwa katika nyumba yo yote muwe wageni wa nyumba hiyo hadi mtakapoondoka katika kijiji hicho. Po pote ambapo hamtakaribishwa, mnapoondoka kung'uteni mavumbi miguuni mwenu kama ishara ya hukumu ya Mungu juu yao." Wale wanafunzi wakaondoka wakaenda kutoka kijiji hadi kijiji wakihubiri Habari Njema na kuponya wagonjwa. Habari zil imfikia Herode mtawala wa Galilaya kuhusu miujiza iliyokuwa iki fanyika, naye akafadhaika kwa kuwa baadhi ya watu walikuwa wakisema, "Yohana Mbatizaji amefufuka!" Wengine wakasema, "Ni Eliya ametutokea" na wengine kwamba, "Mmoja wa manabii wa kale amefufuka." Herode akasema, "Yohana nilimkata kichwa, ni nani huyu anayefanya maajabu haya ninayoambiwa?" Akajaribu sana amwone Yesu.

#### **iZulu**

Wayesebabizela ndawonye abayishumi nambili, wabanika amandla negunya phezu kwamademoni onke nokuphulukisa izifo. Wabathuma ukushumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu nokuphulukisa. Wathi kubo: "Ningaphathi lutho lwendlela, naludondolo, nasikhwama, nasinkwa, namali, ningabi namabhantshi amabili. Nakuyiphi indlu eningena kuyo, hlalani lapho, nize nimuke khona. Bonke abanganamukeliyo, anothi nxa nimuka kulowo muzi, nithintithe uthuli ezinyaweni zenu, kube ngubufakazi ngabo." Bamuka-ke, bahamba imizi ngemizi beshumayela ivangeli, bephulukisa ezindaweni zonke. Kwathi uHerode umtetraki ekuzwa konke okwenzekayo, wasambatheka ngokusho kwabanye ukuthi uJohane uvukile kwabafuleyo, ngokwabanye ukuthi u-Eliya ubonakele, ngokwabanye ukuthi kuvukile umprofethi othile kwabadala. Kepha uHerode wathi: "UJohane ngamnquma ikhanda mina; kodwa ngubani lo engizwa ngaye okunje?" Wafuna ukumbona.

#### **Shona**

### **Sermon Summary:**

At first this passage doesn't seem quite as exciting as the stories we studied in Luke 8. But, obviously, it should interest us as it gives us a glimpse of the way Jesus trained the apostles and the way the people of Israel responded to their message.

Ultimately, however, this passage is important because it is part of the way Luke is helping us understand who Jesus is and what He came to do (And, you can even see this is a theme throughout these stories, as the disciples ask in 8:25, "Who then is this?" And Herod asks in 9:9, "Who is this?" And Jesus asks in 9:18, "Who do the crowds say that I am?")

Even though we have heard a lot about Jesus, sometimes, it is difficult even for us to have an accurate understanding of who He is and what He came to do because we are not familiar with some of the words and phrases we find throughout the gospels.

For example, one idea that we have to understand, even to understand this passage, is the idea of the kingdom of God.

What is the kingdom of God?

The kingdom the disciples were proclaiming is the one promised in the Old Testament of a coming day when God would rule over this earth through a chosen human representative. (Isaiah 11:1-9; Micah 5:2ff; Zechariah 9:9,10; Isaiah 35:1ff; Isaiah 65:20ff)

And it's understanding this idea of the kingdom of God that will help us understand what's happening in this passage. The details in this passage are very straightforward, but remembering this whole idea of the kingdom, helps us appreciate what is really going on.

- 1.) **The call:** Jesus calls twelve apostles (who will serve as the spiritual leaders of the twelve tribes in the coming kingdom.) (v.1)
- 2.) **The commission:** Jesus empowers those apostles (to give visible demonstrations of what life will be like in the coming kingdom and to proclaim that kingdom throughout the country of Israel.) (v.1,2)
- 3.) **The instructions:** Jesus instructs the apostles (to serve as His representatives and to expect the country to receive them as His messengers and if they don't, to pronounce judgment on them for rejecting the message of the kingdom.) (v.3,4)
- 4.) **The response:** The apostles obey Jesus and the political leadership of Israel is confused by them and especially by the King they were proclaiming. (v.7-9)

**Questions:**

1. What stands out to you after reading Luke 9:1-9 and from the sermon that was preached on this passage on Sunday?
2. One of the phrases that is important for understanding this passage is, "the kingdom of God." Let's take a moment look at Luke and Acts and notice how important a theme this really is by reading some of the following verses. Your Gospel Community Leader will help you by picking some of the ones he thinks are the most important, and then he'll have you read them out loud and ask the group to make observations about what these verses teach about the kingdom of God:

Luke 4:43; 6:20; 7:28; 8:1,10;  
9:2,11,27,60,62;10:9,11;11:20;13:18,20,28,29;  
14:15;16:16;17:20,21;18:16,17,24,25,29;19:11;21:31,22:16,18;23:51;  
Acts 1:3;8:12;14:22;19:8;28:23,31

3. Obviously at the very least those verses show the kingdom of God is an important theme in Luke. Can anyone remember anything we learned from Sunday about what the kingdom of God is? What were these apostles preaching when they preached the kingdom of God?
4. Looking at some other passages in the Bible will also help us get an idea of what the kingdom of God is. Look up some of the following passages (again your Gospel Community Leader will help you out by selecting a few) and identify a few specific characteristics of what they say this kingdom will be like.

Isaiah 11:1-9; 25:1-3,6-12; 35:4-7; 65:18-25; Revelation 20:1-6

5. Ok. We have seen there is a coming kingdom that is going to exist here on earth ruled by Christ, that is going to be awesome. The apostles were sent out by Jesus to announce this coming kingdom! What does this have to do with Luke 9? Well, how does knowing about this kingdom help us answer the following questions:

Why were there twelve apostles do you think? (Hint: Matthew 19:28)  
Why did Jesus empower these apostles to cast out demons and heal?  
What do these miracles have to do with the kingdom?  
Why was the way the Israelites responded to the apostles so significant?

6. So basically, we are seeing God has put a plan into motion to bring this rebellious planet to working the way it is supposed to, Part of this plan is for Jesus to rule over the planet that rejected Him from Jerusalem and a restored Israel. How does knowing that plan help you understand the Bible better? How might knowing that plan be an encouragement in your everyday life?