



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of May 29, 2022

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text: Luke 9:1-9

9 And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. 3 And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. 4 And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. 5 And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." 6 And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. 7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, 8 by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. 9 Herod said, "John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he sought to see him.

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiiikaichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In our passage this week, Jesus begins to delegate His power and authority to His disciples as He sends them out on mission to do the same work of ministry that He Himself has been doing. Although the disciples have been empowered with authority over demons and sickness, their primary mission is to proclaim the kingdom of God.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to delegate His power and authority to His disciples? What were some of the benefits and temptations of such power?
2. Why is it detrimental to our walks with the Lord when we simply know all about the Word of God but never actually go out on mission to live it out with our family, friends, neighbors and co-workers? Who can you talk to this week about Jesus Christ and invite to church?
3. Jesus' miracles served to both authenticate His proclamation of the kingdom of God as well as display His love and compassion for the hurting. In other words, Jesus ministered to both the

soul and the body. Why must we always keep these two aspects of ministry in balance? What happens when we overemphasize one at the expense of the other?

4. When Jesus sent the disciples on mission with no provisions except for the clothes on their backs, He stripped them of every form of support and made them trust completely in Him. Does Jesus call His followers today to give up everything they own to follow Him? If not, how is Jesus calling you today to trust completely in Him?
5. Herod the Tetrarch was a selfish, self-protecting, evil ruler. Jesus was the exact opposite. He gave of Himself and lived and died for the sake of His people. Our King is our Savior. He uses all His power so that He can save His people. Why do you think the world would rather follow rulers like Herod, than follow a King like Jesus?