

Zoom Christian Growth Hour, Sunday, January 24, 2021 Luke 9:10-17

Context: Luke 9:1-6, 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.

Today’s scripture: Luke 9:10-17 ¹⁰ On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹ When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. ¹² Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” ¹³ But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” ¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵ And they did so, and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Verse 10 begins with “On their return.” Who was returning and where were they returning from (9:1-6)?

What was their mission and how were they equipped for their journey (9:1-2)? What did they NOT take (v. 3)?

Where did Jesus take the twelve (v. 10)?



What do you think Jesus and the twelve did at Bethsaida?

Who followed Jesus and the twelve and what three things did Jesus do when they arrived (v. 11)?

What is the meaning of “the day began to wear away” (v. 12)?

What did the twelve recognize regarding the crowd and what did they tell Jesus to do about it (v. 12)?

What was Jesus response and how did the twelve react (v. 13)?

What did Jesus have his disciples do (v. 14)?

How much food did Jesus and his disciples have with them (v. 13)?

What did Jesus do with the loaves and fishes (v. 16)?

Did the disciples have a role in feeding the crowd (v. 16)? What was it (v. 16)?

What was the outcome (v. 17)? Were there any leftovers (v. 17)?

Could Jesus have spoken and had bread and fish instantly appear in front of each person? What did he do instead? Why do think Jesus fed the crowd this way?

Do we see this pattern elsewhere in scripture (hint: Elijah and the widow of Zarephath, 1 Kings 17:8-16; Elisha and the widow’s oil, 2 Kings 4:1-7)?

Are there lessons here for us? What are they?

Closing prayer