

READ Luke 9:1-6

1. **Easy light question to start with!!!** Jesus gave His 12 disciples (known as 'The Twelve') "*power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases*" (v1). Some people suggest that what the Bible calls demons, we recognise today to be mental health issues, even though Jesus "cast out" demons and "healed" the sick indicating they were two different ministries. What do you think? What is your view of demons? What are they and do some still have a problem with them today?
2. Jesus sent The Twelve out to "*proclaim the kingdom of God*" (v2) what would that message have been, bearing in mind Jesus had not died or risen from the dead yet?
3. Why do you think they were told not to take any luggage on this short-term mission? (v3) How would you have coped with this instruction?
4. In verses 4-5 Jesus indicated that some would welcome them and their message, and some would reject them. Why is it important to keep this in mind when we are involved in witnessing for Jesus?
5. What does it mean to "*shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them*"? (v5).

READ Luke 10:1-20

6. We can see from verse 1 that Jesus didn't just send out The Twelve but also sent out 72 others (some manuscripts say 70), with virtually the same empowering and the same directions.
 - i. Why do you think He chose these people rather than just sending out The Twelve again?
 - ii. Why send them out "two by two"?
7. Jesus said, "*the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few*" (v2). Why is this still the case? Why might followers of Jesus not get involved in making Jesus known to others?
8. How easy/difficult do you find it to speak about Jesus to others? What helps you? What hinders you?
9. What does the image of "*lambs among wolves*" (v3) convey to you? What type of people in today's world would you consider to be "wolves"?
10. Jesus told them not to greet anyone on the road (v4). Why might He have said this – isn't it rude to ignore people?
11. In verses 12-15 Jesus condemned the towns who had seen Him work in wonderful ways but had refused to repent of their sin. Now that Jesus has paid the price for the sin of the whole world through His death, are people still condemned for their sin or is everyone now forgiven?
12. Verse 19 says that the 72 had been empowered by Jesus in a similar way to the way The Twelve had been. Do you think ALL believers have been given this same power and authority to engage in a healing and deliverance ministry or is it just for a select few? Or do you think that no one has this anointing today? What influences your thoughts on this?
13. Jesus said that the most important thing is that your name is "*written in heaven*" (v20). Spend a few moments praying for someone who you know is not yet a Christian and ask the 'Lord of the harvest' how you may be a positive witness to them this week.