



Making a Difference

August 31st, 2025

Passage: Luke 9:1–6

1. Read the Passage Aloud

Bible Study Using OIA

Observation — What does the text say?

- Who did Jesus call together in this passage?
 - What two things did He give them before sending them out?
 - What were they instructed to do on their mission?
 - What specific resources did Jesus tell them not to take?
 - How were they to handle hospitality when they entered a town?
 - What were they told to do if people did not welcome them?
 - What did the Twelve actually do in response?
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Interpretation — What does the text mean?

- Why do you think Jesus gave them both power and authority?
- What does this reveal about the nature of the Kingdom of God?

- Why might Jesus have told them to “take nothing for the journey”?
 - How does “shaking the dust off your feet” shape our understanding of rejection in ministry?
 - What does this passage teach us about faith, dependence, and sacrifice in following Jesus?
 - How does this connect to the message theme that the mission requires faith, not flash?
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Application — How should we respond?

Personal

- Where in your life is Jesus inviting you to trust Him with “faith, not flash”?
- What’s something you are carrying (fear, resource, excuse) that Jesus may be asking you to “travel light” and leave behind?
- How can you live more intentionally as one “sent” by Jesus this week?
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Relational

- Who in your circle of influence needs encouragement, healing, or the good news of Jesus?
- How can you model Kingdom living in your workplace, neighborhood, or family?
- Who is God prompting you to serve in a simple but meaningful way (even if it seems as small as “navel oranges”)?

Practical Step

- This week, take one intentional action to “make a difference” in someone’s life—serve, encourage, pray with them, or share your faith story.
- Each morning, pray: “Lord, help me trust You today and use me to advance Your Kingdom.”

Memory Verse

"When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." — Luke 9:1–2