

Living Our Lives on Mission **Wayne Drain ~ Luke 9:1-9**

The Mission and the Message of the 12

- Disciple meant learner.
- Jesus sent them with a commission.
- Jesus equipped them with authority (right to do something) and power (the ability to do it).

Their Mission was to put into action 2 things

1. Preach the kingdom of God (announce God's reign).
2. Heal the sick and demonized (to demonstrate God's reign).

What did they Preach?

Why was Healing and Casting out Demons Included?

- To proclaim the kingdom and demonstrate it in power.
- Healing the sick and demonized gave evidence of reign and rule of God's kingdom.
- It was part of the commission then and now.

Methods and Means for the Mission

Jesus Was Laying Foundations for Effective Ministry

- Go with a sense of urgency.
- Avoid taking stuff that would weigh you down.
- Trust in generosity of people who receive the message.
- If the message wasn't received shake the dust off their feet as judgment against them.
- God will provide for what He asks of us.

Living Our Lives on Mission Will Get Us Noticed.

Private Faith is An Oxymoron

- We are called to be salt and light, to proclaim, preach, witness, live our faith out loud.
- Our enemy is satisfied if we just "go to church".
- When we live our lives on mission the devil gets nervous!

What Does This Mean For Us Today?

- Jesus was given authority and power by God the Father.
- Disciples were given authority and power by Jesus.

The Great Commission Is Our Commission.

- Jesus gave his authority to disciples and promised would empower them to be witnesses.
- The promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.
- So we can preach the Kingdom of God in Jesus' name and pray for the healing for the sick and demonized.

Maturity Results In Mission.

- Spiritual maturity is more than understanding information.
- Real test of maturity is whether you are being trained and sent by Jesus to be a blessing to others.
- Our Big Goal"...to transform our city state and the nations through living God's word and relying on the Holy Spirit."

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAY TO YOU TODAY?