

1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.

5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.

6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead;

8 And of some, that Elias had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again.

9 And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him.

10 And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.

When our Lord was here on earth, He gave the gift of healing to His apostles. It was one of the "sign" gifts to demonstrate that they were who they claimed to be. Before the New Testament was in written form, the sign of an apostle was the fact that he had the "sign" gifts.

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Lesson 24

Chapter 9 - Verses 1-17

The Call

Chapter 9, Verses 1-10 - Jesus sends forth His twelve disciples to preach and minister.

1. Jesus called His twelve disciples to come **together** for ministry.
2. Jesus gave His twelve disciples the **power** and **authority** over evil and sickness.
3. Jesus sent His twelve disciples to **preach** news of God's kingdom.
4. Jesus sent His twelve disciples to **heal** the sick.
5. Jesus instructed His twelve disciples not to take supplies or **money** with them.
6. Jesus instructed His twelve disciples to stay in the **first** house where they were made welcome.
7. Jesus instructed His twelve disciples not to **prolong** their stay.
8. Jesus instructed His twelve disciples to leave a town and move on if they were **not welcomed**.
9. The twelve disciples went from village to village, telling the good news and healing people **everywhere**.
10. Herod the king heard about all that was happening, and he was worried because people were saying that John the Baptist had come back to **life**.
11. People were also saying that **Elijah** had come or that one of the prophets from long ago had come back to life.
12. Herod the king who was responsible for execution of John, wanted to **meet** Jesus.
13. When the twelve disciples returned they reported the results of their mission work directly to **Jesus**.
14. Jesus took the twelve disciples with Him to the village of Bethsaida, where they could be **alone**.



Jesus told the twelve disciples not to pressure those who rejected their message. Just like the disciples, if our message of Christ is rejected, we must **move on** to others whom God desires to reach.



The power of a Spirit-filled life! Jesus, the obscure Carpenter of Nazareth, caused Herod to tremble without ever having met Him. Never underestimate a person full of the **Holy Spirit!**



When the twelve disciples returned, they reported the results of their mission directly to the Lord Jesus. Perhaps this would be a good policy for all Christian workers. Too often the publicizing of work leads to **jealousy** and **division**.

Five Thousand

Chapter 9, Verses 11-17 - Jesus feeds five thousand people.

1. A crowd of people learned where Jesus was going, and they **followed** Him.
2. Jesus welcomed the crowd, teaching them about the Kingdom of God and **healing** all those who were ill.
3. Late in the afternoon, the twelve disciples asked Jesus to send the crowd away, so they can go and find **food** and lodging for the night.
4. Jesus told the twelve disciples to **feed** the crowd.
5. The twelve disciples told Jesus that they only had five small loaves of bread and two **fish**.
6. The twelve disciples told Jesus that they will have to go and **buy** food if they were going to feed five thousand men.
7. Jesus told the twelve disciples to make the crowd sit down in groups of **fifty**.
8. The twelve disciples did what Jesus said, and soon everyone was **seated**.
9. Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up toward heaven, and **blessed** the food.
10. Jesus gave the bread and fish to the twelve disciples to hand out to the **crowd**.
11. After the people had all eaten their fill, **twelve** baskets of leftovers were gathered up.



As Jesus and the twelve disciples tried to get away, a crowd of people quickly gathered. The crowd was inconsiderate; yet our Lord graciously received them. The Lord Jesus is always accessible. He did not consider this an annoying interruption. He was never too busy to **bless**.



Why did Jesus feed these people? He could just as easily have sent them on their way, but Jesus does not ignore **needs**.



When Jesus told the twelve disciples to feed the crowd, the twelve disciples began telling Jesus what to do. Unfortunately, many of us are guilty of doing this today. Friend, Jesus doesn't need our **suggestions**.



Notice that our Lord assigns His twelve disciples an impossible task. They must learn, as we must learn, that Jesus is always in command of the **impossible**. The reason is obvious - Jesus intends to do the work. - J.V. McGee



The disciples saw the need of the hungry people, and what did the disciples say? "Tell them to go get a burger, to go find a **hotel**." - Courson



After the crowd was finished eating, the twelve disciples gathered up twelve baskets of leftovers. Some say the twelve baskets were for the twelve disciples so they wouldn't have ask Jesus for food! God always provides a **surplus**.

11 And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

12 And when the day began to wear away, then came the twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place.

13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy meat for all this people.

14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company.

15 And they did so, and made them all sit down.

16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

17 And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

Matthew, Mark, and John also record the feeding of five thousand. The Creator, who made the fish in the beginning and causes the grain to multiply in the fields, now by His word of authorization creates food for the crowd.

This may have been the first time many in this crowd ever were filled. The "fragments" which were left do not refer to what we might put in the garbage can. Rather, they were pieces of food which had not been served. God always provides a surplus.

J.V. McGee

18 And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

19 They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again.

20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.

21 And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing;

22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

27 But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

2 Peter 1:16-18

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Lesson 25

Chapter 9 - Verses 18-36

Peter's Confession

Chapter 9, Verses 18-27 - Jesus teaches His disciples about His identity and mission.

1. Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with **Him**.
2. Jesus asked His disciples who the people **thought** He was.
3. The disciples told Jesus that people thought He was John the Baptist, others thought He was Elijah and some thought He was an old prophet that came back from the **dead**.
4. Jesus asked His disciples who they **thought** He was.
5. Peter told Jesus that He was the **Christ** of God (Messiah).
6. Jesus told His disciples to tell no one what Peter had **said**.
7. Jesus told His disciples that He will **suffer**, die, and rise again.
8. After Jesus told His disciples about His own future, the Lord invited the disciples to **follow** Him.
9. Jesus told His disciples that if anyone intends to follow Him, He (Jesus) must **run** the show!
10. Jesus told His disciples that if anyone intends to follow Him, they should expect **suffering**.
11. Jesus told His disciples that if anyone tries to hold on to their life they will have it taken from them, but whoever gives up their life because of Jesus, will **keep** it.
12. Jesus told His disciples that no earthly possession can compensate for the **loss** of eternal life.
13. Jesus told His disciples that if anyone is embarrassed by Jesus and His teachings, the Son of Man (Jesus) will be far more embarrassed with them when He comes **back**.
14. Jesus told His disciples that some of them will see with their own eyes the reality of kingdom of God before they **die**.



The Christian faith goes beyond knowing what others believe. It requires us to hold beliefs for ourselves. When Jesus asks, "Who do you say I am?" he wants us to take a **stand**. - LASB



Jesus said if you want life, then lose it in me! The more you let go of yourself and grab hold of Jesus, the happier you'll be. The more you give yourself away in serving Jesus, the **richer** you'll be.



If this life is important to you, you will do everything to protect it. You will not do anything that might endanger your safety, health, or comfort. By contrast if following Jesus is important, you may find yourself in unsafe, unhealthy, and uncomfortable **places**.

The Transfiguration

Chapter 9, Verses 28-36 - Jesus becomes radiant and speaks with Moses and Elijah.

1. About eight days after Jesus spoke to His disciples, Jesus took Peter, John, and James up a **mountain** to pray.
2. While Jesus was praying, the appearance of His face changed and his clothes became blinding **white**.
3. At that same time, Moses and Elijah appeared and they were **talking** to Jesus.
4. Moses, Elijah and Jesus talked about Jesus' upcoming crucified, death in Jerusalem would mean and what it would **do**.
5. Peter and the disciples were sleeping, but when they woke up, they saw Jesus in His **glory** and Moses and Elijah standing with Him.
6. Peter was so excited, that he wanted to build **three** tabernacles; one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.
7. While Peter was speaking, a cloud passed over them, and they were **frightened** as the cloud covered them.
8. Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, **listen** to Him!"
9. After the voice was gone, the disciples saw that Jesus was by himself. The disciples kept quiet, and said nothing to anyone about the things which they had just **seen**.



Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the top of a mountain to show them who he really was - not merely a great prophet, but God's own **Son**. - LASB



Moses and Elijah appeared and spoke with Jesus. The bodies of Moses and Elijah were never **found**. God buried Moses' body and Elijah did not die but was taken up to Heaven.



Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets; and their conversation with Jesus symbolizes how Jesus **fulfills** 'the law and the prophets' Matthew 5:17-19.



The Greek word for "decease" is exodos. I like that word as a description of death. And who better than Moses to talk about an **exodus**?!



'Decease' referred to Jesus' leaving this world through which He would bring **salvation** - much as God had brought deliverance to Israel in its Exodus (decease) from Egypt. This departure was to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.



Peter and his companions were very sleepy and almost missed a great mountaintop experience. We too can miss out on God's blessings if we are not **careful**.



As God's Son, Jesus has God's power and authority; thus, his words should be our final authority. If a person's teaching is true, it will agree with Jesus' teachings. Don't be hasty to seek advice and guidance from merely human sources and thereby neglect Christ's message. **Test everything** you hear against Jesus' Words and you will not be led astray. If we believe he is God's Son, then we surely will want to do what he says. - LASB

28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.

30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.

34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

36 And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

Verse 29 does not mean that a light, as a spotlight, shone on Him, but that a light came from within His body and shone outwardly. Some people ask the silly question, "Are you going to wear clothes in heaven?" I think we will, but I do not believe we will need them because we will be clothed in this glory-light such as clothed our Lord.

J.V. McGee

37 And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met him.

38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son: for he is mine only child.

39 And, lo, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him hardly departeth from him.

40 And I besought thy disciples to cast him out; and they could not.

41 And Jesus answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy son hither.

42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tare him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

43 And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,

44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.

45 But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

This entire scene is a picture of today. Jesus has passed on into the glory. His disciples are with Him. We are down here in this world at the foot of the mountain where there is confusion, compromise, and impotence. The world today acts like a demon-possessed man, and the church is helpless in the presence of the world's need.

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Lesson 26

Chapter 9 - Verses 37-56

Perverse Generation

Chapter 9, Verses 37-45 - Jesus heals a demon possessed boy.

1. Jesus and the disciples came down from the mountain and a big **crowd** was there to meet them.
2. A man came out of the crowd and **begged** Jesus to help his demon possessed son.
3. The man told Jesus that a demon attacks his son and makes him **scream**.
4. The man told Jesus that the demon shakes his son until he foams at the mouth and is **bruised**.
5. The man told Jesus that he asked the disciples to help his son, but the disciples could not **heal** the boy.
6. Jesus spoke to the crowd and He rebuked them for their lack of **faith**.
7. Jesus was **frustrated** by how helpless the people were; and He called them a faithless and perverse generation.
8. Jesus told the man to bring his son to **Him**.
9. As the boy was coming towards Jesus, the demon attacked him, and the boy was thrown to the ground **violently**.
10. Jesus ordered the demon to stop, then Jesus healed the boy and gave him back to his **father**.
11. Everyone that witnessed the miracle were amazed at the mighty **power** of God.
12. While everyone was still amazed at what Jesus was doing, Jesus told his disciples the He would will be handed over to His **enemies**.
13. The disciples did not understand what Jesus meant. The meaning was hidden from them and they were **afraid** to ask.



In verses 1-2, Jesus gives His disciples power and authority over devils, but by the time they encounter this father in verses 37-40, they don't have the power to cast the demon out - The disciples lost their **effectiveness**!



The world we live in is faithless and perverse, and the main reason is because the church has lost its **effectiveness** - just like the disciples!



The disciples could not heal the boy, so Jesus told the father to bring the boy to Him. Its good to know that when others can't - **JESUS CAN!**



Why did Jesus speak of His crucifixion directly after He cast out this demon? Because nothing short of the blood of Jesus can cause Satan to lose his **grip**. - Colossians 2

His Face

Chapter 9, Verses 46-56 - Jesus begins His journey to the cross.

1. The disciples were arguing among themselves as to who would be the **greatest**.
2. Jesus knew what the disciples were **thinking**.
3. Jesus brought a little child beside Him and explained that anyone who receives and accepts and welcomes this little child in His name, receives and accepts and welcomes **Him**.
4. Jesus told the disciples that whichever one of you is the most humble is the **greatest**.
5. John told Jesus that they saw a man who was not one of their group casting out demons and they told him to **stop**.
6. Jesus said to John, Let him do it, for he who is not against us is for **us**.
7. The time drew near for Jesus to return to **Heaven**, so Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem and all that awaited Him there.
8. Jesus sent messengers to Samaritan village to see if they would allow him to lodge there, but the Samaritans did not **welcome** Jesus, because He was heading for Jerusalem.
9. The reaction of the disciples, James and John in particular, was to destroy the Samaritans by **fire** from heaven.
10. Jesus quickly rebuked the disciples and he told the disciples that Jesus did not come to destroy people but to **save** them.
11. Jesus and His disciples decided to go to another **village**.



After the Transfiguration you would think the disciples would be humbled and obedient to the Lord's will. On the contrary, they wanted to know which one of them would be **greatest**.



When did the disciples start arguing about their greatness? When, they had been given the power to cast out demons and they failed in their attempt to do so. You can always tell when a person is aware of his shortcomings by his telling you how **great** he is.



The disciples were thinking of the crown and ignored the cross. They were desirous of vainglory. This has been the curse of His disciples and it is one of the curses of the **church**.



Our care for others is a measure of our greatness. How much concern do you show for others? This is a question that can accurately measure your greatness in God's eyes. How have you expressed care for others lately, especially those who can't return your love and concern? Our honest answer to that question will give us a good idea of our real greatness.

46 Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest.

47 And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him,

48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.

51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

52 And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.

53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

It is my conviction that the greatest saints are the unknown folk in our churches who quietly and faithfully serve Him.

57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

These are poignant stories of people who want so much to follow Jesus, but somehow they can't pay the price. They've got to go home first and get ready or take care of some pressing matter. The first man is caught up in a burst of zeal: "I will follow You wherever You go." He thinks discipleship will be a glamorous life. Jesus corrects this impression. He tells him that discipleship is not easy. It's a difficult life with no place to call home. It means putting your hand to the plow and doing the ordinary, hard work. It is in this unexciting everyday discipleship that the glory is found.

L. Ogilvie

Jesus Christ must reign supreme in our hearts without a rival. All other loves and all other loyalties must be secondary to Him and His cause.

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Lesson 27

Chapter 9 - Verses 57-62

Follow Me

Chapter 9, Verses 57-62 - Being a follower of Jesus is not always easy.

1. As Jesus and the disciples were going along the road, a man said to Jesus, Lord, I will **follow** You wherever You go.
2. Jesus told the man that foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests to live in, but I have **no** place to live.
3. Jesus **invited** a second person to come be His disciple.
4. The second man heard Christ's call to follow Him. He was willing, but first, he wanted to go and **bury** his father.
5. Jesus told the second man to let the spiritually dead bury the physically **dead**.
6. Jesus told the second man to go **preach** the Gospel.
7. A third man came and told Jesus that he would follow Him, but he first wanted to go back and take care of some things at **home**.
8. Jesus told the third man that anyone who starts plowing a field and keeps looking back isn't **worth** a thing to God's kingdom



The first man to speak to Jesus said he would follow him anywhere. Jesus replied with, "I have no home or bed." The implication is, "Are you still willing to follow me under those same **conditions**?"



The second man that Jesus spoke to answered Jesus' call by saying, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." The second man wanted to postpone his following the Lord because he wanted to put his family before Jesus. Jesus will never be **second place** in our lives.



The third man asks to first, go and say good-bye to his family. The third man's request seems very innocent to us but again we must remember that God looks at the motive of our hearts. If our hearts are divided, our **loyalty** will be divided as well.



These three people were sincere, they wanted to follow Jesus, they wanted to be a part of what Jesus was doing, All of these things are good things, but Jesus was looking for something more. Jesus was looking for a total and full **commitment**.



The sad reality is that most people settle for being **involved** without ever making a commitment.



The difference between involvement and commitment is like an eggs and ham breakfast - the chicken was involved but the pig was **committed**. - Unknown



Our most desperate need as Christians is to have every area of our lives committed to **walking** with Christ.

