



RESOURCES FOR GROUPS

TITLE: Marching Orders for the Journey, part 1

DATE: May 23, 2021

PASSAGE: Luke 9:1-6 & Luke 10:1-12

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COMMUNITY BUILDING:

- Tell us about a special trip or vacation you have taken. What made it memorable?

CHRIST-CENTERED DISCUSSION:

Bold indicates zoom friendly OR to be used with spiritual growth partners. *Italicized green text is the leader guide.*

- In the progression of Luke 9:1-6; Luke 10:1-12 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-20, how are the instructions / commissioning given the same? How are they different?
One difference is that the number of people (12, 72, then every believer) increases, showing that Jesus is multiplying his ministry authority to all places and spaces that believers are. It's like the river of God (referenced in Ezekiel 47:1-12) getting deeper as it gets further from the temple.
- How does Luke 9:1-6 and Luke 10:1-12 show the urgency Jesus himself senses for evangelism? What is the reason for this urgency?
- Discuss Ezekiel 47:1-12 and its relevance to the Missional Journey:
 - Where does the river start? (v. 1-2)
 - What happens as it gets further from the temple? (v. 3-6)
 - What happens to the animals, fish, trees, people in the region of the river? (v. 7-12)
 - What might the river represent?
 - How do Zechariah 14:8, John 4:14, Revelation 7:17 and 22:1-3, 17 build on the image of a river?
 - Is the river image helpful to you? Why or why not?
Use some or all of these questions to guide the conversation. Feel free to pick and choose the ones that make sense for your group.
- In 2 Corinthians 5, what does God do ... through Christ? (v. 18) ... through us? (v. 20) ... for us? (v. 17-18 & 21)
How does this impact you?
This would be a great place to linger over specific places in your group members lives where they see God doing or wanting to do His work through them. Pause to pray for increased power to represent him well in those places.
- How is a Christian disciple like a "worker in the harvest," a "lamb among wolves," an "ambassador?"
How have you experienced those role descriptors in your life while following Christ?
- **What motivates you to be on the missional journey? What inhibits you? What has it cost you to be on mission for Jesus in the past? What could it cost you right now or in the future?**
- What does it mean to go out as Jesus' ambassadors?
What do we do? Where are you Jesus' ambassador?
- **What does it look like to have allegiance to only one kingdom and mission when so much else in life needs to be attended to? What competes for your allegiance?**
The "Gospel in Everyday Life" section on the resource page provides an exercise that your group could do to figure out what competes for your allegiance if these answers are difficult to pinpoint. Where we spend our time, what we give our attention and money to or spend time thinking about are good indicators to where our allegiances lie.

FAITHFULLY FOLLOWING:

- Keep visiting the resource page on our website to find ideas on how to Faithfully Follow Jesus this week. Specifically this week, use the *Gospel in Everyday Life* section to aid in the final question above.
[This](#) is the link to the Resource page. Spur each other on to love and good deeds.
(Here's the url: <https://woodlandschurch.org/resources/>)