



# **The life of an apprentice**

Luke 9:1- 17

# The first mission on their own



- but note Jesus' teaching method :-  
it still applies today

**Demonstrate**

**Instruct**

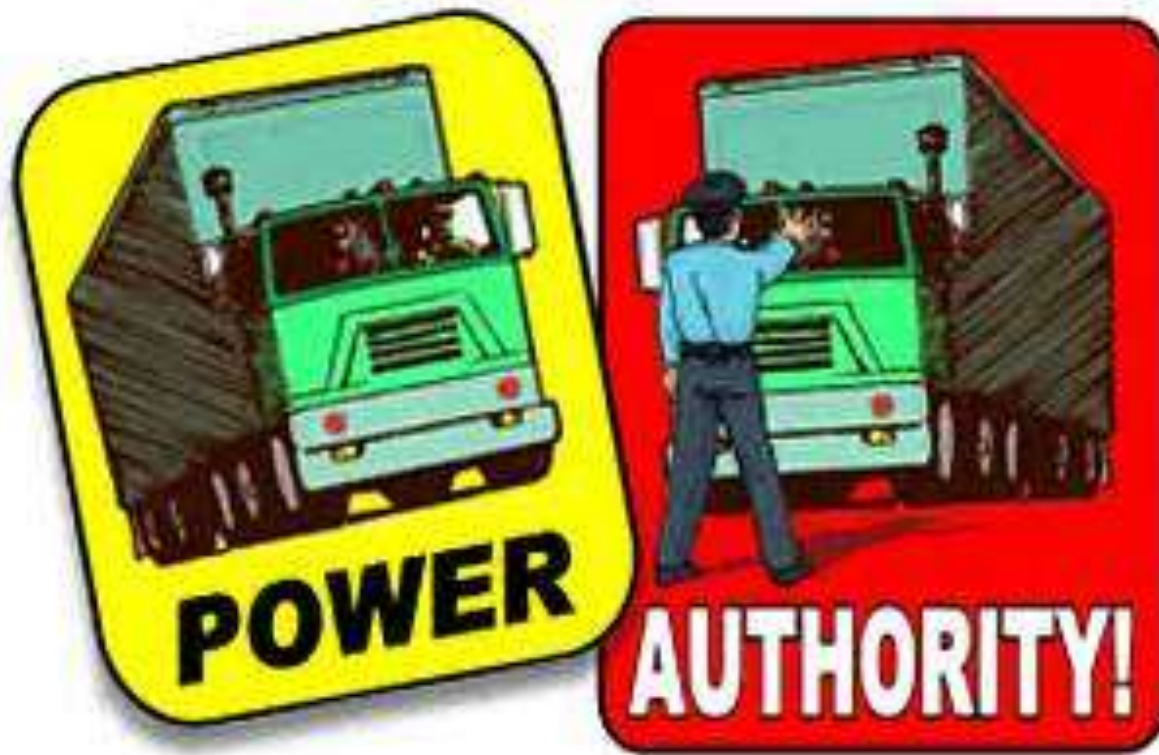
**Authorise**

**Empower**

**Send** (how long ?)

***(What did Jesus do while they were away?)***

# What they had with them



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.

## The challenge

Kingdom of God/Heaven = 'Kingship' of God

in Words (proclaim) + Actions (heal the sick)

# What they didn't have:-



He told them: "Take nothing for the journey-- no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt."

*Why?*

*No delay?*

*Treasure in jars of clay?*

# Mission support?



Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town.

**A working base**



# How to cope with rejection



... If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.

**Final call?**

**Not everyone is going to accept your message.**



So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

***They did it !  
It worked ! Why?***

# **News gets around – something is happening!**




Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life. But Herod said, "I beheaded John. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?" And he tried to see him.

***Strange curiosity***

***What happened when he did see Jesus?***

***The effect of the mission is that Jesus gets their attention!***





How'd you do?

When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done.

**No statistics or fanfare!**

# Time to rest – apprentices get tired!



Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida

but the crowds learned about it and followed him



**life happens** – especially when your with Jesus,

# Learning point for apprentices?



He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

**Note Jesus' attitude  
and response to the situation.**





Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here."

**Their concern for Jesus, for the people, or themselves ?**



He replied, "You give them something to eat."



**\*\*\* An Apprentice learning point \*\*\***

**Connect the present need with past experience ?**

# A “reasonable excuse”



They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish--unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." (About five thousand men were there.)

**We can't do it.  
Did they have enough money?**

# A job for apprentices



But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." The disciples did so, and everyone sat down.

***What answer would they give to people asking why?***

# Jesus gives thanks



taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people.

***In what way did the miracle happen?***

***What did the apprentices think as they went at first?***

***After the tenth time?***



They all ate and were satisfied,

**It's a miracle of !**  
**Creation**  
**Compassion**  
**God's provision**



# A job for apprentices - dustbin men too,



and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

**What kind of pieces were left ?**

**Food for them too, more than they started**

**Now get some rest?**