



Sunday 4th February 5pm

Luke 9:10-17 The Provision of God

Up to this point in Luke, Jesus has been demonstrating His power and authority and the Disciples are beginning to grasp just WHO Jesus is. As they've followed Him and spent time with Him they have also been subject to His teaching about the Good News of the Kingdom of God. As Disciples of Jesus they have heard and seen and learnt—they have been *trained* in the things of God! And the next step in their 'training' is to take what they have learnt and put it into practise.

And what Jesus is doing in this reading with the 12 is exactly what He does with us today. ALL disciples of Jesus are trained and sent out to proclaim the Good News. How?

1. Jesus equips His disciples. Jesus has the power and authority to empower and authorise those whom He sends on mission.
2. Jesus sends out His disciples. Jesus calls us to watch Him, listen to Him and learn from Him in preparation for mission.
3. Jesus gives us the purpose for mission—to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal. Healing has always been the demonstration of the power and mercy of God. It's a foretaste of the full healing which comes when Christ returns.
4. Jesus asks us to trust in the provision of God.
5. Jesus encourages us to live simply—don't go looking for comfort but be content with what's provided.
6. Jesus warns us we will not always be welcome. Often, the message of the gospel is despised.
7. Jesus reassures that the burden of rejection is on the hearer, not on the person delivering the message. Sadly, the fear of 'not sharing our faith right' stops us from doing it. Being rejected for the sake of Jesus is normal—but it's not our burden to carry.

What then does God require of us?

1. Obedience. There's no greater satisfaction than obediently stepping out to do what Jesus sends us to do. If the Disciples had stayed when Jesus said 'go' they would never have experienced the work God did through them.
2. God requires that He does His work through us—the lowly! It is when the Disciples of Jesus were given power and authority and went out and proclaimed the kingdom of God that King Herod sat up and noticed. It made Herod decide to meet Jesus for himself. When we proclaim the Kingdom of God, it's Jesus people want to meet!

Being a disciple of Jesus is about learning from Jesus, learning about the Kingdom of God, and stepping out to teach others about the kingdom of God in order to bring them to Him.

Bush Disciples Jan/Feb Roster 2024

Date	Opening Prayer	Kids Story	Bible Reading	Com-munion	Closing Prayer	Supper
28/01	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican
04/02	J&S	B&R	Ann	D&P	D&R	Shared
18/02	D&R	J&S	Ann	B&R	D&P	Shared



Just like soldiers in an army—God calls us to trust and obey!



Order of Service 4th February 2024

Welcome and Opening Prayer	Justin & Sarah
Song	TBA
Children's Story	Bruce & Rhonda
Bible Reading	Anne (Luke 9:10-17)
Message	The Provision of God
Song	TBA
Communion	David & Pauline
Song	TBA
Closing Prayer	Dave & Ruth

Sunday School : The Lord formed man from the dust and breathed life into him. Adam's home was the garden of Eden. The Lord created a garden in which was every good thing that man could need as well as the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He told Adam not to eat of the latter. Adam was to name all living creatures. None was comparable to Adam. Each creature had a mate, but Adam had no companion. So the Lord God caused Adam to sleep, took one of his ribs, created woman (Eve) and brought her to him to be a helper.