Jesus Sends the Twelve to Preach the Kingdom of God

Luke 9:1-9 Key Verse: 9:2

"...and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

- 1. Read verses 1-2. When Jesus sent the Twelve out for fieldwork training, what spiritual equipment did he give them? Why must gospel workers have the power and authority of Jesus? (Php 4:13)
- 2. What was the main point of their message? Why is the message of the kingdom of God important? (Mk 1:15; Lk 11:2) How is healing the sick related to the message of the kingdom of God?
- 3. Read verses 3-5. What did he tell them to take for the journey? (3) How did this teach them to depend on God alone? What are the timeless principles which Jesus' disciples must practice?
- 4. How did Jesus teach them to master the circumstances of the mission field? (4) How did he teach them not to compromise, but to have absolute faith in the gospel? (5; Mk 16:16) Why is it important to know that the gospel is absolute?
- 5. Read verses 6-9. How did the apostles respond? (6) What was the result of the fieldwork training? How does Herod's response to the proclamation of the gospel typify the response of proud and unrepentant people?