

June 2/24 – Small Groups Questions

Read Luke 9:1-6, 10-17

1. Luke presents Jesus' sending of the 12 as a recapitulation of Israel's covenant mission in the Promised Land as a people and nation through which the kingdom of heaven becomes real on the earth. However, ancient Israel fails this and Jesus picks this ancient mission back up in Himself and through His apostolic community. The question is: if as Christians you belong to the new Israel, to a new royal priesthood, rescued and led by a new Moses, Jesus Christ, who is like God who provides manna in the desert, how do you see yourself in this ancient story and how will you navigate your own apostolic mission in Jesus' Name in this life?
2. There are three gleanings we can learn from the missional experience of the 12. The first gleaning is to rest in Jesus. Jesus took the 12 back to Himself and retreated. What does it look like for Jesus to take you to Himself and for you to rest in Him?
3. The 2nd gleaning is to expect interruption. In a moment of crisis, chaos, or conflict, how can we foster in ourselves to respond with wisdom and grace during every interruption?
4. The 3rd gleaning is to "give them something to eat". We always have something we can give or give up. It's a matter of when and how. How do we foster faith and obedience to believe that Jesus can provide and multiply what seems like nothing or little that we have?