

# 30A.D.

THE JESUS STORY

## TAKING OFF THE TRAINING WHEELS

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### Luke 9:1-9

#### PICTURE FRAME

▶ Mission Statement of Jesus Christ:

“*The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*” (Luke 19:10)

▶ Galilean ministry coming to a close

▶ Problem: Still lots of towns & people unreached

#### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

▶ You and I are made by God with a purpose that is bigger than ourselves

▶ Connecting with God through faith in Christ means Jesus is Lord of our life

▶ Lordship means we follow Christ wherever He leads

▶ Jesus has called every one of us into His service as Reachers

#### UNPACKING THE TEXT

❶ The Power & Authority (v.1)

▶ Authority = (ἐξουσία/exousia) = the foundation of power... the right to execute (Matthew 28:18-20)

▶ Power = (δύναμις/dunamis) = the ability to execute (Acts 1:8; 2:1-4)

PRINCIPLE #1: God has given us all the resources we need to be witnesses for Christ.

❷ Call to Action (vs.1a,2) [John 20:21]

❸ Provisions for the Journey (v.3)

PRINCIPLE #2: As we are going about God’s business, we can expect His provision. (Matthew 6:33)

❹ Behavior of the Reacher (vs.4-5)

PRINCIPLE #3: The spread of the Gospel takes priority over personal likes & dislikes.

❺ The Short-Term Mission (v.6)

❻ One of the Results (vs.7-9)

- I will obey the Lord by being baptized on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Good Friday Splash.
- I commit myself anew to Christ’s call to seek and to save the lost.
- I will take a friend to see the movie “Son of God.”



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**Lesson Aim:** *To discuss how Jesus calls & equips His disciples to move from observation to action.*

**Prayer:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your study time and/or discussion.

**Ice-breaker:** Briefly share about a learning experience growing up where you went from observation to action (examples: riding a bike; swimming; driving a car; etc.).

1. **READ Luke 9:1-9.** What did Jesus send the Twelve to do? What did He equip them with? What did He prevent them from taking? Why?
2. A couple of key thoughts from Pastor Scott's message Sunday were "reconnecting with God through faith in Christ means Jesus is Lord of our life" and "lordship means we follow Christ wherever He leads." What are some reasons it is easy to embrace Christ as Savior but difficult to embrace Him as Lord?
3. Another key thought from Sunday's message was "God has given us all the resources we need to be witnesses for Christ." Share about a time when you experienced this to be true.
4. There are many ways to share Jesus with others. What is one way you find (fairly) natural when sharing Jesus with others?

5. Jesus invited the Twelve to join Him in what He was doing, and He continues to invite His followers to join Him in what He is doing in the world today. Were there any moments where you recognized and accepted God's invitation to join Him in His work this past week?
6. What are some of the ways striving to be a "reacher" for Christ inconveniences us?
7. **READ** the following verses and list the different ways we can prepare to reach others for Christ and also how God can help us as we join Him in His mission to reach people:
  - **Matthew 28:19-20:**
  - **Acts 1:8:**
  - **2 Corinthians 5:17-21:**
  - **1 Peter 3:15:**
8. As a result of this week's teaching, is there any realignment you'd like to consider to keep yourself open to joining Jesus in what He's doing to reach others around you... or changes you need to make to respond to the needs of others around you?

**Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.**

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at [theBridgeFresno.com](http://theBridgeFresno.com) by clicking on the "Messages" link.