

**Transition:**

Luke 6:12-16 tells us that Jesus prayed all night on a mountain before calling the disciples and selecting the Twelve. Matthew 10:1 tells us that He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. Luke 9:2 says He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. In Matthew 10:8 Jesus even tells them to raise the dead! After empowering them, Jesus then sent the Twelve out to do the work of the ministry.

**Tell the story:**

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

**Rebuild the story:**

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why did Jesus tell them to only go to the “lost sheep of Israel?”
2. How did Jesus teach them faith in this ministry?
3. What do you think Jesus meant by “find out who is worthy?”

**Fundamental:**

Ministry (outside the church) – A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for many purposes – among which are evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20) and meeting human need with ministries of love and compassion (Gal 6:10; Jam 1:27).

1. As disciples of Christ, are we called to do the same things the Twelve did?
2. We regularly see preaching of the gospel, ministering to the sick and prayers for healing – but we don't regularly see casting out demons and raising people from the dead! Why is that? Does that change what you believe about God? Does that change what you believe about what God has called us to do?

**Homework/Challenge:**

1. Get alone with God and ask Him how He desires you to minister in the workplace.
2. Please read Matthew 11 in preparation for next week.

**Discipleship Tip:**

Most people are very influenced by our culture. We are generally okay with saying we will pray for people and some people are okay with sharing the good news of the gospel. But most don't consider divine healing or raising from the dead an option! Encourage your people to believe what Scripture teaches. May they believe more than what they see in our pagan culture.

**Prayer:**

Pray that the Lord increase our faith! May we see the world as broken and in need of healing from the Lord in every way. May we seek the blessing from the Lord to truly minister in our workplaces, in our families and out in public.