

## Dwelling in the Word/Word-Share-Prayer Luke 9 (NRSV) March 2019

### *The Mission of the Twelve*

9 Then Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases,<sup>2</sup> and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.<sup>3</sup> He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic.<sup>4</sup> Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there.<sup>5</sup> Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”<sup>6</sup> They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere....

### *Feeding the Five Thousand*

10 On their return the apostles told Jesus<sup>[c]</sup> all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida.<sup>11</sup> When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

12 The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.”<sup>13</sup> But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.”<sup>14</sup> For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.”<sup>15</sup> They did so and made them all sit down.<sup>16</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.<sup>17</sup> And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

### *Peter’s Declaration about Jesus*

18 Once when Jesus<sup>[d]</sup> was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”<sup>19</sup> They answered, “John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.”<sup>20</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Messiah<sup>[e]</sup> of God.”

### *Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection*

21 He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone,<sup>22</sup> saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

23 Then he said to them all, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.<sup>24</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.<sup>25</sup> What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?<sup>26</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.<sup>27</sup> But truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

- 1) What was the Holy Spirit lifting up as you read the passage?

- 2) Mark what Jesus said or did with one color and Mark what disciples said or did with the other color

What do you notice – patterns, practices, priorities...?

- 3) **How** did Jesus make disciples – being, empowering, equipping, interacting... with his disciples?

- 4) What did he ask of them?

- 5) What may the Spirit be saying to YOU?  
For your disciple community congregation?    Our presbytery?

**After Video In the Dust of the Rabbi, Video 1, “When the Rabbi says ‘Come’**

1. Jesus loves you, chose you to be his disciple, believes in YOU? What is this like for you?

2. How badly do I want to be like Jesus?

Being Jesus’ disciple involves who we are (identity), what we love (loves, priorities), what we do/don’t do (practices/habits). Note specifics from Luke 9 passage, the video?

3. What might we need to start doing differently?

Stop doing, or doing in that way? Including expectations, time, relationships, priorities?