

**Luke 9:1-17 – Following Jesus**

**Following Jesus ... is it just a spectator sport?**

**Prepared and sent by Jesus**

... to speak the same message that Jesus was speaking

Luke 4:43, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to other towns also, because that is why I was sent”

The message of the kingdom is the gospel.

... the healings are not the ‘message of the kingdom’ or the ‘good news’

... they need to learn that God will provide.

**Beware of the cost**

... the cost of speaking about God’s kingdom, the gospel.

**Much more to learn**

(show map)

... people were interested in the kingdom of God

Jesus has abundantly provided for all their needs.

... the means by which Jesus provided are VERY similar to the way YHWH

**2 Kings 4:42-44.** *“A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe corn, along with some ears of new corn. ‘Give it to the people to eat,’ Elisha said.43 ‘How can I set this before a hundred men?’ his servant asked.*

*But Elisha answered, ‘Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: “They will eat and have some left over.”’ 44 Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.*

**For us today****1) Discipleship**

a) Not a model for us

see Luke 10 and Luke 24:45-49

“descriptive not prescriptive”

b) Disciples and mission go together

Discipleship is not a passive thing

**c) Disciples proclaim the gospel**

... speaking the same message that Jesus spoke.

... this gospel had been written about in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms and that the disciples and others had failed to see it in the OT scriptures.

So what are possibly the dangers we face with the message of the gospel?

... vague nebulous love...

... does not involve us turning away from sin (repentance).

... legalistic moralism

**d) A real threat of persecution**

... will result in opposition from those who do not like the message.

**e) Remember the place of miracles**

... seems to give authenticity to the message of the gospel.