



Questions for a Lenten Journey:

- How is God's kingdom revealed to us in the Bible?
- How do Jesus' actions reveal the kingdom to us?
- How can our own actions help to create God's Kingdom?

Reading: Mark 6:7-13

7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff-no bread, no bag, no money in their belts-9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11 And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12 So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them."

Jesus sends out the twelve





For discussion:

- · Why did Jesus send out the apostles two by two?
- Why could they take no possessions?
- Why stay in only one home?
 What did the disciples do in the villages?
- · What kind of church activities does this passage inspire?

Lessons for our church:

- · Our strength is in each other: teamwork.
- · Our strength is in God: we should rely on him.
- Trust one another, trust God.
- We should not get caught up in the physical, material aspects of ministry.
- Simplicity
- · Be heralds of the kingdom of God.
- Call others to repentance.
- Focus on living the kingdom of God, through showing mercy, compassion, healing, restoring others to Christ.

Jesus, may we follow you on the pilgrim way of Lent, May we journey with you into the wilderness, Willing to move beyond the ordinary, So that we can discover your unexpected sacred places. Jesus, may we wash our hands and purify our hearts, Learning to thirst after righteousness and hunger after justice. May we humble ourselves before you, Expecting to see you revealed in a new light. Jesus, may we walk with you no matter how challenging the path, Learning to be patient with darkness and growth, Willing to live with not knowing, Until your mustard seeds take root and sprout into lfie. Amen