

INTRODUCTION

- * Luke is writing in order that those who would read his account of the life and ministry of Christ would be assured of the truthfulness of the message.
- * What message did the people hear? Where did that message originate? From whom did they hear the message?
- * In Romans 10, we read: "For 'Whoever calls on the name of YHWH shall be saved.'" (cf. Joel 2:32) How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!" (cf. Isaiah 52:7) ... So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
- * As we will be reminded today - God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound those that seem mighty - through the proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom of God: that Christ died for our sins, was resurrected, and reigns on High!
- * "All" that is required for us is to ... trust and obey.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE ACTIVITY OF THE MESSIAH (v. 1-5)****A. He Called Them (v. 1)**

1. WE ARE CALLED BY GOD'S I _____ (cf. 6:12-16; John 15:16; ... John 6:44; 12:32)
2. WE ARE CALLED FOR GOD'S P _____ (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Romans 8:28-29)

B. He Equipped Them (v. 1)

1. THE S _____ OF THE GIFT
cf. Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:6-12; 1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Luke 12:42-48
2. THE S _____ OF THE GIFT
3. THE S _____ OF THE GIFT (cf. Luke 9:37-42; Matt 17:19-21; 2 Tim 1:6-11)

C. He Sent Them (v. 2)

1. TO H _____ THE KINGDOM (cf. Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; 8:1,4; 11:19)
2. TO H _____ THE SICK (cf. Matthew 8:14-17; Isaiah 53:4 kholi - disease and mkaab - with sores/affliction)

D. He Instructed Them (v. 3-5)

1. T _____
2. R _____
3. B _____

II. THE ACTIVITY OF THE APOSTLES (v. 6; cf. 9:10a)**A. They W _____****B. They A _____****C. They H _____****INTROSPECTION**

- * Have you responded to the call of Christ in your life - to salvation, to sanctification, to service?
- * How faithful are you to "Herald" the good news of the King?
- * How obedient are you to the revealed truth of God's Word? Are you trusting and obeying?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we better encourage one another to use the gifts and calling of God - in each of our lives - to faithfully share the good news of the Kingdom of God with others?