

I. Intro

A. We are in Luke 9 today, let's begin

II. Text

A. Luke 9:1-6

1. For 5 chapters, Jesus preached and healed
 - a) Today, He extends authority to His 12 disciples
 - b) Important principle about Kingdom authority
 - (1) Not meant to be hoarded like the rulers of this world
 - (2) Meant to be shared and given away
2. *Giving away authority*
 - a) *1 Johns 2:6 – if we abide in Him we ought to walk in the same way He walked*
 - b) *Jesus gives authority away – our model to follow*
 - c) *Instead of giving away authority, we give away responsibility*
 - (1) *Responsibility without authority frustrates people*
 - (2) *They have to keep coming back to you for authority*
 - (3) *Secures your role, but diminishes the people*
 - d) *Goal: give authority away, as Christ did with His disciples*
 - (1) *WARNING! – this will get messy*
 - (2) *But, the goal is not your kingdom – we are building His*
3. Jesus delegates authority and gives strange instructions
 - a) Take nothing extra with you – no provisions, comfort, food, money, clothes
 - b) Go in faith – the Lord will provide
 - (1) What will He provide? Everything!
 - (2) Let's continue exploring this theme

B. Luke 9:7-9

1. Luke arranges this section to reinforce specific themes
 - a) Theme #1 – the Lord provides
 - b) Theme #2 – what is our response
2. Example...

- a) Disciples are told to trust the Lord, He will provide
- b) Herod hears and gives a response – who is this? I must see Him
- 3. *Luke is threading these two themes together*
 - a) *The Lord will provide – do you believe?*
 - b) *The Lord is all you need – how do you respond?*
 - c) *He is our daily bread – are you hungry?*

C. Luke 9:10-17

- 1. The feeding of the 5,000
 - a) Jesus feeds a multitude with 5 loaves and 2 fish
 - b) The miracle is extraordinary, but look deeper – what is this message?
- 2. The Lord provides
 - a) Jesus delegates authority to his disciples and provides for everyone
 - b) Mirrors the sending of the 12
 - (1) *All you need is what is in your hand*
 - (2) *Give that to the Lord and let Him provide*
- 3. *Why is this lesson so important that Luke highlights it twice?*
 - a) *This is the entire Bible message*
 - b) *The Lord is your creator, your provider – He is all you need*
 - (1) *He is the one who travels with you*
 - (2) *He is the one who goes before you and behind you*
 - (3) *He provides for all your needs before you know you need it*
- 4. The Lord provides...what is your response?

D. Luke 9:18-20

- 1. Here we have Luke's theme structure again!
 - a) The Lord provides for the 12 – Herod responds
 - b) The Lord provides for the 5,000 – Jesus asks the disciples to respond
- 2. Provision always demands a response
 - a) The Lord has given you life – what will you do with that life?
 - b) The Lord has provided friends, family, church, work – what will you do with it?

- c) The Lord has delegated authority to you – what will you do with it?
- 3. The response (from Peter)
 - a) You are the Christ! You are indeed the provider!
 - b) Yes! Peter got it right and I pray everyone in here gets it right
 - c) I pray all of us respond correctly to the provider!
- 4. But...what does the response mean?
 - a) What happens when you respond correctly to the provider?
 - b) When you give your life back to the one who gave you life – what then?
 - c) Jesus leans in and very clearly explains it...

E. Luke 9:21-27

- 1. Jesus speaks of His death and resurrection – and the road for all His disciples
 - a) Following Jesus means forsaking this world, for a better one
 - b) Following Jesus means being unashamed of Him, so He is unashamed of you
 - c) Following Jesus means putting your flesh to death, being raised to a new life
- 2. Jesus as provider means rejecting all other providers

III. Conclusion

- A. Let's pull on the thread of Luke 9:1-27
 - 1. The Lord provides everything
 - 2. All provision requires a response
 - 3. The correct response – Christ is Lord – results in a life that looks like death
- B. Why?! I was with you up to that last part!
 - 1. Yes, the Lord provides
 - 2. Yes, He is MY Lord
 - 3. But, I don't want to put my flesh to death – that is because He isn't really Lord
- C. Can you see why Luke structures it this way – provision/response, provision/response
 - 1. You must understand this principle – because of what it is going to cost you
 - 2. Nobody builds a tower without counting the cost
 - 3. Count the cost in saying "Christ is Lord"