

# Every Saint Sent

## Directives

Luke: All Things New



### Series Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



### Sermon Text

Luke 9:1-6



### Big Idea

Jesus' particular instructions to His disciples here provide for us certain principles that guide us in our mission as well. We should be abandoned to the Lord and His cause, pressing into relationships with those we are trying to reach, and maintaining allegiance to God even in the face of hardship and rejection.

#### (1) Take Nothing (v. 3)

**(1) Urgency**—The mission is urgent. No earthly concern ought to get in the way. “Leave your bag, leave your bread, leave your money . . . there is nothing more important than bringing the gospel to a world in need. Nothing!”

**(2) Dependency**—But He's trying to teach us more here as well. He's trying to teach us dependency—dependency on God alone. “Take nothing . . . because My Father will provide everything. He has His eye on you. He will care for you.” He wants to embed deep in our hearts an awareness that God will take care of us so we can be free to live for Him.

#### (2) Stay There (v. 4)

Jesus, it seems, puts around the whole evangelistic encounter this relational context. “You're going to be vulnerable and need these people, you're going to live with these people, you're going to minister to these people. You're going to be a part of the neighborhood, the village, the town.” As one commentator writes: “The gospel is rightly propagated not by campaigning, crusading, or conquering, but within a context of relationships defined by mutual trust and sharing” (PNTC). What we see here, then, is that, for Jesus, relationship is to stand both on the front and the back end of our evangelism.

#### (3) Shake Off (v. 5)

But it's not always going to go well for us in this, right? Sometimes we try to develop relationships, to meaningfully share and show the gospel, and people won't have it. The shaking off of dust from the disciples' feet is a vivid way of displaying God's judgment against the Jewish town that is rejecting their Messiah. It is a severe and sobering thing. “There was a rabbinic idea that the dust of Gentile lands carried defilement, and strict Jews are said to have removed it from their shoes whenever they returned to Palestine from abroad. [In v. 5] [t]he disciples' shaking of the dust from their feet was a testimony against [not Gentiles, but fellow Jews]. It declared in symbol that Israelites who rejected the kingdom were no better than the Gentiles. They did not belong to the people of God” (TNTC).

### Reflection Questions



- Do you feel like the evangelistic cause is especially urgent? Why or why not? Why do you think we often get numb to this? What can we do to help maintain a sense of it?
- Is there a time when all your planning and preparing actually becomes unfaithful? Do you sometimes give yourself to these things because you truthfully don't believe God will provide or protect you? Have you ever stepped out in faith before when it seemed all odds were against you? What happened? How might God be calling you to do that now?
- Do you have any front end relationships—any unbelievers you are pursuing with the love of Christ? Do you have any back end relationships—young believers you are pouring into to help them grow more and more as disciples of Christ? How can you grow in this? Be specific.