

Equipped for Witness and Ministry

Jesus equips His disciples in word and action.

▶ *"And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons." (Mark 3:13-15, ESV)*

Jesus equips His disciples with the resources needed to fulfill the mission.

▶ *"And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal." (Luke 9:1-2, ESV)*

Jesus equips His disciples with an emphasis on the priority of the kingdom of God.

▶ *"and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart." (Luke 9:2-4, ESV)*

Jesus equips His disciples with the reality of opposition.

▶ *"And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." (Luke 9:5, ESV)*

Ministry as equipped by Jesus has a noticeable impact.

▶ *"And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. Herod said, "John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he sought to see him." (Luke 9:6-9, ESV)*
