

Session 12

Sending out the Twelve



Reading: **Mark 6:7-13**

7 Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

8 These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. **9** Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. **10** Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. **11** And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

12 They went out and preached that people should repent. **13** They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Introduction:

This session of ‘The Dust Covered Way’ is when the disciples are sent out by Jesus to put into practise what they have seen him doing.

- What people can you think of who seem to really be living out practical discipleship? What does it look like in their lives?

WORD:

READ Mark 6:7-13

- What lessons can we learn from Jesus' instructions to his disciples to travel lightly and depend on the hospitality of others during their missionary work? How can we apply these lessons in our own lives and ministry today?
- What is the significance of Jesus sending his disciples out two by two in Mark 6:7? How does this reflect Jesus' teachings on community and collaboration in ministry, and what implications does it have for the way we approach evangelism and discipleship in our churches today?
- In Mark 6:11, Jesus instructs his disciples to shake the dust off their feet as a testimony against those who reject their message. What does this gesture signify, and how can we apply this principle in our own lives and witness as Christians? How do we balance the call to proclaim the gospel with the reality that some may reject it?

PRAYER: What prayer response does today's reading and discussion invite?

ACTION: What practical action does today's reading and discussion encourage?