

Go and...!

Notes from 11/17/2022 Gathering on Zoom – 23 participants

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Theme: Go and Reflect

Welcome and Prayer: Pastor Jay Berry

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and God's righteousness. And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu Alleluia!

Dwelling in the Word:

Jesus send out the Twelve – Luke 9:1-11

9 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, ²and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³He told them: “Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. ⁴Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. ⁵If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” ⁶So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere. ¹⁰When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him, and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, ¹¹but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed healing.

What catches your attention from the passage?

- Empowerment
- Sent out
- Jesus transfers power to us to go and do
- Moses' call story: “but I don't have _____” and God reminds Moses he has everything he needs. If God sends, God will provide
- Rely on the kindness of strangers
 - o When they are not kind, move on
- We fear there is not enough here, but God gives us enough
- Disciples went out, how are we called to go out? What does this story look like today?
 - o Go And (literally)
 - o Where are we called to wipe off our feet and move on?

What might God be inviting you to do?

- Starting small and in people's homes are we called to go back to that?
- How do we define “Kingdom of God”?
 - o How do we proclaim this?
 - o What exactly were the twelve proclaiming?
 - That all are welcome and lifted up
- Acceptance and lifting up one another

- Disciples went out, they didn't wait for people to come in
 - o Relational evangelism: going out and meeting people where they are
- Doing God's work doesn't require abundance
 - o Money follows mission
- We are all enabled to work in our own way with what we have
- We can rely on God to provide

What is one-way God has impacted your life? Are there ways God is inviting you to lead different in light of what you are learning?

- Go And as a blessing to gather together, bond as individuals in similar situations trying to learn from one another
- Blessings from God, tools provided, support
 - o Realizing you are where you're supposed to be
- Safe space to talk and grow
 - o Empowering and enriching to spirit
- Speakers and presenters brought new ideas
 - o Given permission to try new things
- Support, strength, relationship building
- Life giving = everything changed but no one gave us the textbook on how to figure out what came next.
- Grateful to be among people of faith both clergy and lay
 - o Focus on God's work, everything else comes after
- Feel a little less alone as individuals and congregations
- Nudging = shepherd one another, connecting older members with phone calls, cards, visits, etc.
- Holy Space

Was there one spiritual practice you incorporated?

- Dwelling in the Word
- Lament: writing on own and reading psalms, creating a wall of lament
- New model for Sunday School
- All Saints practices and connecting faith to home life

We need your help! We would love to incorporate stories into Jersey Jottings in 2023 of ministry and evangelism that happened as a result of Go And. Please share your stories and/or photos with us!

See You Next Month!
December 15th at 7:00 pm, est.