



Revolution: Introduction

LUKE 9:1-9 | JANUARY 17 & 18, 2015

This week we are returning to the book of Luke. Luke is a doctor and amateur historian putting together an account of Christ's life and death, teaching and miracles, burial and resurrection. He continues with a second book called Acts which profiles the history of the early church as it forms in Jerusalem and spreads throughout the ancient world. We are joining this week in Chapter 9 at a time when Jesus empowers his followers to take on his mission.

WITH THE GROUP



LEANING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

I can remember a time I joined a Junior High petition and rally to end all homework. It was a failed movement. Have you ever been a part of a movement or "revolution?" Perhaps a time you stood for a cause, joined with others, marched with purpose, signed a petition, or something like that. What was your cause? What impact did you have?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

In what ways was the movement Jesus began a "revolution?" What was it a revolution against?

How would you compare or contrast the impact of this revolution compared to other revolutions through history?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

Pastor Mike described Christ's efforts to gather the disciples. "Jesus assembles a team of misfits and malcontents. They were not wise and affluent. They were not powerful or influential." What does this reveal to you about God? What does it reveal to you about Jesus and his mission? What would he be relying on this group to do?

What most impacted or challenged you and your life from the sermon?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

It was clear in the sermon that Christians and the Church are to contribute to the work and mission that Jesus came for. How might you have answered the "What's the point?" question at the beginning? What do you understand your assignment to be now?

Pastor Mike described that our assignment is much more than simply a "Sunday Assignment." What does he mean by this? What are some of the ways you work on and prepare for your assignment during the week? What are some of the specific things that you do regularly that help you do your assignment better?

DIGGING DEEPER

Pause as a small group and give each person 3 minutes of quiet to reduce what Jesus was "all about" into three statements. Then share your answers with one another. How similar were your answers? Can you debate as a group and come up with a list of 3 that you all agree on?

GRADUATE LEVEL

We live in a Post-Christian world not a Pre-Christian one (which is the context in which Luke 9 was written.) In commenting on this, C.S. Lewis said, "you court the widow differently than the virgin." Do you agree? What might that mean for us?