

**Suggested Worship Order**  
April 5, 2020  
(The activities and order are up to you!)

**Open with a simple prayer** of thanksgiving for daily divine mercies, acknowledging God's mighty faithfulness, asking for His forgiveness and for His blessing as you gather.

**Read a passage of Scripture.** Consider Psalm 45--"A Song to the King".

**Sing a familiar hymn or song.** Nowadays you can download the lyrics of almost every hymn or song you can think of. Some suggestions: *I Sing Th' Amighty Power of God* (Issac Watts, our Hymnbook, 106; *My Heart Doth Overflow* (hymnbook, 125); *I Will Praise Him, Still* (Fernando Ortega, Songbook, 110).

**Watch or listen to the preaching.** Just to help you know where the preacher is going, here is the outline!

**"The First Gospel Mission"**  
Luke 9:1-6

From our text we may observe certain elements that are important for faithful gospel ministry and service:

- I. **A Personal Preparation with Jesus, v. 1a.**
- II. **A Powerful Equipping by Jesus, v. 1b.**
- III. **A Plain Commissioning by Jesus, v. 2.**
  - A. *The Mission.*
  - B. *The Message.*
- IV. **A Practical Instruction from Jesus, vv. 3-5.**
  - A. *Go in Whole Dependence upon Jesus, v. 3.*
  - B. *Stay and Minister Where You Are Welcomed, v. 4.*
  - C. *Shake Off the Dust Where You Are Rejected, v. 5.*
- V. **A Pervasive Obedience to Jesus, v. 6.**

**Sing a song** when the sermon is over. Some suggestions: *Rejoice, the Lord is King* (Charles Wesley, hymnbook, 226); *We Will Glorify* (Twila Paris, Songbook, 152).

**Spend time in discussion or reflection** on what you heard.

[Possible Discussion Questions]

- Why was it necessary that the "twelve" be "with Jesus"?

- What would they learn from being with Him that would be helpful for the mission they were about to be sent on?
- What did Jesus *give* to His disciples before He sent them out? How does the Lord equip us for ministry and service in these days?
- What was the mission *priority* for the disciples?
- What is the “kingdom of God” which the disciples are to proclaim?
- What is the *message* of the “good news” (gospel) of that kingdom? (Consider Luke 1:31-33, 68-79; 2:11, 30-32; 3:16-18; 4:18-19; 5:20; 7:48-50; 8:48, 50)
- Why does Jesus tell His disciples to take “nothing” with them as they go out?
- Why does Jesus want his disciples to “stay put” at the house that welcomes them?
- What does Jesus’ instruction in verse 5 indicate about how some people would respond to His messengers?
- What was the dramatic gesture of “shaking the dust off the feet” supposed to signify to the people who lived in that city? (see also Acts 13:48-52).
- How faithful were the disciples to the commission Jesus gave them?
- What in this account made the greatest impression on you? What was most encouraging or helpful to you?
- What, if anything, are you challenged to do on account of this passage?

**Close with prayer**, thanking God for His Word, asking Him to help you to understand, hold on to, and faithfully apply what you have heard.