



## Sermon Notes: A God Who Provides

### 1. The mandate of the mission.

- a. Proclaim the Good News of God's kingdom.
- b. Prove the Good News of God's kingdom.

### 2. The manner of the mission.

- a. Conveys urgency.
- b. Conveys dependency.
- c. Conveys resiliency.

### 3. The means of the mission.

- a. Jesus gave them his power.
- b. Jesus gave them his authority.

### 4. The meaning of the mission.

- a. Jesus gave them everything they needed to imitate him.
- b. Jesus gave them everything they needed to serve others.
- c. Jesus gave them everything they needed to be satisfied.



## Application Questions: A God Who Provides

1. If Jesus sends his twelve disciples out just as they are, what are some things God's going to have to provide for them? How does this encourage you?
2. How were the disciples able to do supernatural miracles of healing on this mission?
3. With respect to your answers for #2, how is this relevant to Jesus' command that the disciples feed the crowd of people themselves? In context, how do you think the disciples *should've* responded to Jesus?
4. Give an example of when you've faced a similar situation to #3 - i.e., when you knew God was calling you to minister to someone in a way you didn't feel equipped for. What did you do?
5. What are some things you feel like you're missing in order to really serve others effectively? Where have you thought, "*I could do this ... if only I had ...*"?
6. In light of this message - and what you've learned about serving in dependence on Jesus' power and authority - how could you handle the situations in #4 and #5 differently?
7. How do you get Christ's power and authority into your life? How are you doing those things?
8. Who would you serve and how would you serve them if you really believed Jesus would work through you, in real time, to give you everything you needed to help them (even in supernatural ways, if that's what the situation required)?
9. What's "Step 1" for what you answered to #8? What will you begin doing immediately to serve those people and needs?
10. What's the worst that could happen if you tried doing #8-9 in dependence on Jesus? What's the best that could happen? What *might* Jesus do in/through you?