

Oaklands Chapel – Assignment
Sunday, May 31 2009

Lesson 27 - Luke 9:1-17

1. Read 9:1-17. Notice the 3 distinct sections: 1-6; 7-9; 10-17. Talk about your ideas regarding why Luke places these 3 sections next to each other. In what ways do they build upon each other? What are the main messages you get from the text as a whole?
2. Verses 1-6 is the first time the disciples are sent out by Jesus. They are told to '*preach the kingdom of God*' (v. 2). Based on what we have learned already from Jesus, what do you think would be the content of their message?
3. I. Howard Marshall comments, "*The Twelve experience the power and authority given to them by Jesus and so are faced anew with the question of who Jesus is; at the same time the instructions they receive constitute the beginning of a call to the same life of poverty, dependence upon God and rejection by men as was lived by Jesus himself.*" Talk about this statement and in particular how it relates to us as Jesus' disciples today.
4. Why do you think is Herod so keen to see Jesus? How does his 'who is this' question add colour and texture to the developing story in Luke about the identity of Jesus?
5. What do you think is the main lesson the disciples learn about Jesus from the miracle of the feeding of the crowd? What imagery do you see in this miracle as you reflect on a) the act of Communion and b) the story on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24)?