

We will now begin the ninth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Today's passage is Luke chapter 9. /In verses 1-6, /Jesus sent out the twelve disciples. /Jesus called the twelve disciples. /Then the Lord gave them power and authority.

/Jesus sent them out so that they would preach the gospel. /In Matthew 10:1, /Jesus gave them authority to drive out evil spirits, /raise the dead to life, /heal every sickness, /and make the weak strong. /However, Jesus did not give this authority and power only to the disciples.

/Jesus gave authority and power to all who preach the gospel today. /God's power is shown /when we believe in his power /and work hard to save lives with the gospel. /Then we will defeat the devil /and make many others clean.

/We heal the spiritual sicknesses of others. /However, in verse 3, Jesus told the disciples not to take their staffs with them. /A staff is used /to lean on when one is tired. /That is why Jesus told them not to rely on their staffs, but rely only on God.

/However, in Mark 6:8, /Jesus told the disciples to take their staffs. /This was because there, the staff symbolized "power." /In today's main passage, the bag, the bread, /the money and tunic /are all needed when going on a journey.

/However, Jesus told them not to take any of these. /When we rely only on God and go preach the gospel, /God will work through his power. /The Lord will give us food and all that we need.

/In Luke 22:36, /it says, /"But now if you have a purse, take it, /and also a bag; /and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one." /This means that they needed to be spiritually ready.

/When they evangelized in the past, they didn't have to prepare much because God supplied them with everything. /However, now they had more power than before. /Thus, they were to be prepared /so that they could spiritually prepare. /Then they could overcome hardships.

/This was because /the time was coming near for Jesus to take up the cross. /We will not fail if we are spiritually armed and spiritually prepared.

/In verse 4, Jesus told them to stay in whatever house they entered. /However, in Matthew 10:11, /Jesus told the disciples to search for a worthy person and stay at his house. /When we faithfully preach the gospel, we will meet people with faith.

/When we do, we are to find worthy people with whom we could stay with. /Who are worthy people? /They are those who receive the gospel when we evangelize. /They receive the evangelist and support them with joy.

/When we meet worthy people, we must stay with them until we leave. /We must not go

somewhere else because it seems better. /In verse 5 Jesus told them to shake the dust off their feet. /There are three types of responses from people when we evangelize.

/First, some people receive the evangelist. /These people receive the gospel and enjoy the peace that God gives them. /Second, some people receive the evangelist but they do not have peace. /Third, some people do not receive the gospel but rather, interfere with the gospel.

/The disciples were to shake the dust off their feet to those who did not receive the gospel. /They were not to receive any items from such homes. /They were not to receive any help from such homes. /It is wrong for evangelists to not use their consciences because of material greed. /If evangelists are not upright, they cover the light of God's glory and faith.

/There is another meaning in shaking dust off feet. /This means that those who reject the gospel will be responsible for their own destruction. /This is because those who preached the gospel did their best to evangelize.

/In verse 6, the disciples went out with the authority that the Lord gave them. /They preached with the authority and there were great works.

/Verses 7-9 tell us what people thought of Jesus. /Herod beheaded and killed John. /Thus, Herod was always afraid in his heart. /He heard about Jesus' powerful works /and he thought that John came back from the dead. /In this way, when people sin, they are overcome with fear. /This is a sign that there is God's judgment.

/In verses 8-9, /the Pharisees incorrectly taught /that the prophet Elijah from the Old Testament period appeared. /All the people waited for Elijah, not Christ. /There were also some people who thought that Jesus was Elijah. /There were others who thought that Jesus was a prophet.

/Herod thought that Jesus /was John, whom he beheaded, who came back to life. /Therefore, Herod was afraid but he tried to see Jesus.

/Verses 10-17 are about the miracle of Jesus feeding the five thousand. /Jesus heard the news that John the Baptist was beheaded. /Thus, Jesus went to Bethsaida to find a quiet place. /The Lord probably went to pray and think about what happened.

/However, large crowds of people found Jesus and came to Him. /Thus, Jesus taught them about the works of the kingdom of God. /Then Jesus had mercy on them and healed the sick.

/In verse 12, a large crowd came to Jesus and learned about the truth. /The sun was going down and it became evening. /The disciples became worried because there was nothing for the large crowd of people to eat. /Thus, the disciples spoke to Jesus. /They told Jesus to send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages /and find food and

shelter.

/Then Jesus said, /“There is no need for them to go.” /“You give them something to eat.” /Today, when we encounter problems, Jesus tells us, /“There is no need to go to another place. /I will have you to solve your problems.”

/Jesus told them not to send the hungry people away /to others, /but to feed them themselves. /This is the command that when we face a problem, /we must solve it ourselves.

/Even if all that we have are /five loaves of bread /and two fish, /God will work when we obey and offer it to him. /We must not say we cannot do God’s work, /but we must work with the things we have.

/In verses 14-15, /we must offer the things we have /and obey the Lord’s command. /When the Lord tells us to tell people to sit, we must make them sit, /and when the Lord tells us to feed them, we must feed them.

/Then, God who surpasses all human thoughts /will work with his power and accomplish his works. /Jesus blessed the food and the people ate and were satisfied. /We must obey the Lord when He tells us to offer things to Him.

/After Jesus offered the five loaves of bread and two fish, /and the people sat down, /the disciples passed out the food. /God blessed the food /and through God’s works, five thousand men ate until they were full. /There were twelve basketfuls leftover.

/What was Jesus’ purpose in performing this miracle? /First, this taught that Jesus would give His body as bread to save lives. /Second, the Lord let it be known that He gives both the bread of life /and bread for the body.

/Today, Jesus gave us His flesh and blood so that we would live. /Then how can we eat Jesus’ flesh and blood? /Whoever believes in Jesus eats His flesh and blood. /God’s Word is also our bread of life.

/Today, believers receive God’s Word, the bread of life, with their spirits. /Then their spirits gain strength /and they walk down the way of faith with life. /Elijah also ate the bread and meat that the Lord made the ravens bring to him.

/Elijah also ate the bread and water that the angel brought to him. /Then he walked for forty days and forty nights /until he reached the mountain of God. /Even though we are small like a loaf of bread /or lacking, /when we obey and offer ourselves to God, /God will take us and save many lives /through his great works.

/There were twelve basketfuls left. /There were two purposes for why the leftovers were gathered. /First, it shows that God’s grace always overflows. /Second, even the smallest grace that God gives us is not to be thrown away.

/Peter gives his confession of faith /in verses 18-22. /Jesus spoke to His disciples. /“Who do the crowds say I am?” /Jesus did not ask what the public thought about Him. /Jesus asked this to teach the disciples.

/Some people called Jesus, “John the Baptist.” /People like Herod /said that Jesus was John the Baptist who had come back to life /and John’s power was in Jesus. /Some people said that Jesus was “Elijah.”

/The Jews believed that Elijah would come /before Christ came. /Therefore, there were many people who believed that Jesus was Elijah. /Some people thought Jesus was “one of the prophets.” /Then Jesus asked, “Who do you say I am?”

/It did not matter who other people thought Jesus was. /It was important who the disciples thought Jesus was. /This was because God would work through the disciples. /God would build his kingdom through the disciples. /God would carry out his gospel movement through the disciples.

/Then Peter answered, “The Christ of God.” /Jesus is Christ who was sent by God. /He saves us and makes us complete. /In Matthew 16:16, /Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

/Jesus is the Redeemer. /God sent Jesus to shed His blood for our sins and atone for our sins. /The Lord saved us. Jesus gave us God’s Word /and clothed us with power.

/“Christ” means “anointed one.” /In the Old Testament times, a prophet or a priest anointed kings with oil. /God made Jesus Christ the Prophet, King, and High Priest. /Thus, Christ has three offices.

/First, Jesus Christ /revealed God’s Word to us as the Prophet. /He made our spirits bright with the Word. /He gives us wisdom and knowledge. /He helps us open our spiritual eyes. /The Lord opens our ears /and allows us to grow in spiritual wisdom and knowledge.

/Seconds, Jesus atoned for our sins as the Priest. /He allowed us to be morally clean. /Third, Jesus reigns and rules over us as King. /He clothed us with His royal authority.

/In verse 21, /Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone who He was. /This meant that the disciples were to temporarily hide the fact that Jesus is Christ. /The office of Christ would be completed through the cross and resurrection. /That is why the disciples were not to say anything until Jesus’ work was accomplished.

/If people were to find out before, it would hinder Christ’s work of redemption. /Jesus first revealed here that He would suffer. /Jesus said that He would be taken to Jerusalem and die on the cross.

/The Lord also first told the disciples that He would rise from the dead in three days.

/This was because Peter knew that Jesus is Christ. /Thus, Christ revealed the suffering that He need to receive /and His resurrection /to advance the disciples' faith.

/In verses 23-27, /Jesus said, do not lose yourself or forfeit your life. /In verse 23, Jesus said that we must deny ourselves. /This means that we must deny our own thoughts and wills. /We must take up our own cross.

/When we follow Jesus, we have our own crosses. /The cross refers to sufferings. /If we want to follow Jesus, we must be prepared to receive sufferings. /We must expect to receive sufferings.

/This world does not obey God. /Therefore, we will face persecutions and hindrances. /We will receive many sufferings.

/In verse 24, Jesus said that whoever wants to save his life will lose it. /Whoever considers his physical life important /and stops following the Lord because he wants to save his life /will lose his spiritual life. /Therefore, in order to have spiritual life, /we must let go of our physical bodies.

/We must follow Jesus' words no matter what hardships come our way. /Jesus said that whoever loses his life for Jesus will save it. /Whoever gives up his physical body for Jesus /will find spiritual life. /This is true life.

/In verse 25, /Jesus said, "What good is it for man to gain the whole world, /and yet lose or forfeit his very self?" /The physical life is more important than the whole world. /The spiritual life is more important than the physical life. /This is because the spirit lives forever.

/The physical life exists for a while and then disappears. /To "lose" his very self /means to lose one's spiritual self. /To "forfeit his very self" /means to have his spiritual self /and the element that builds his character taken away from him.

/God gave us many elements to build ourselves up. /This is life, /health, /time, /wealth, /environment, /trials, /wisdom and knowledge, /and all of creation. /We must use all these for God /and according to God's Will.

/In this way, when we take the things that God gave us /and carry out God's will, /we will be shaped into good people. /When we forfeit our faith /and forfeit the things that shape us, /there will be not point in gaining the whole world /because we will lose ourselves.

/In verse 26, /Jesus said that He will come in glory on clouds at the Last Day. /Jesus said that he would repay each person for what he has done. /When Jesus returns, He will come in His glory, /in the glory of His Father, /and of the holy angels.

/Whoever fears Jesus /and considers God's Word worthy /will receive compliments and rewards of glory and honor. /However, those who give up the Bible for the things of the

world /will be ashamed when Jesus returns.

/In verse 27, /Jesus said that some who were standing there /would not taste death /before they see the kingdom of God. /This means that some would representatively see the form of Jesus' ascension.

/A few days after Jesus said this, /Jesus showed His transfigured form at the transfiguration. /The judgment of Jerusalem /in AD 70 /would be the antitype of the Lord's return.

/In verses 28-36, /Jesus changed in the transfiguration. /Jesus took Peter, John and James up to a mountain. /Jesus took them to specially train them. /Jesus did not take His other disciples. /This was so that the Lord would not be disturbed as He prayed.

/This mountain is known as /the highest mountain in Judea, Mount Hermon. /Jesus went to the mountain /first, to pray. /Jesus often went up mountain to pray. /The Lord prayed in Gethsemane. /The Lord habitually went up the Mount of Olives to pray.

/Second, /the Lord's purpose in going to the mountain was to be transfigured. /Third, Jesus wanted to be far from the world. /Fourth, He went to put His hope in God, /love God deeper, /and be closer to God.

/Just as Jesus went to the mountain to pray for these reasons, our hearts too must look only upon the Lord. /In order to do so, we must devote a lot of our time in prayer.

/In verse 29, /Jesus was transfigured /as He prayed in the mountain. /This transfiguration started from the inside to the outside. /Jesus' clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. /Jesus' spirit changed, and therefore, His clothes changed as well. /The ground also became bright and beautiful.

/Jesus always lived in God's glory. /He was specially changed here /to show believers the transfigured world of glory /that came from God's special revelation.

/Whoever believes in Jesus wholeheartedly /will be changed in his spirit. /The believer's face will be changed and the place he lives in will be beautiful.

/In verses 30-31, /the disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. /Their conversation was about Jesus' departure that He would fulfill at Jerusalem. /Elijah did not die but was taken up to heaven. /Moses died in the flesh and the Lord buried him.

/However, the two people appeared transfigured. /Why did Moses and Elijah come? /Moses is the representative of the laws because he recorded the Law of Moses. /Elijah is the representative of prophets. /The laws and prophets represent the entire Old Testament Bible.

/The core of the laws and prophetic books is Christ's redemption. /They came to show

that Jesus would come and be the sacrificial offering of atonement on the cross /to fulfill what is written in the laws and prophetic books.

/Another interpretation is that /Moses was the antitype of all believers /who would be resurrected at the Lord's return. /Elijah appeared /as the antitype of all believers /who would be transfigured at the Lord's return.

/In verse 32, /it says the three disciples continue to sleep. /The disciples suddenly saw Jesus' transfiguration /and Moses and Elijah in Jesus' glory, and they made a mistake. /Believers must always be awake so that they are not tempted by the devil.

/In verse 33, /it says that Moses and Elijah left. /This meant that Jesus would fulfill /the truth of the laws and what is written in the prophetic books. /This meant that all the rituals and documents of commandments would be blotted out.

/Peter made the mistake in saying, "It is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters." /Why was this a mistake? /Jesus is not someone who is to stay in a shelter. /Jesus is One who came as the Bible said He would /and became the sacrificial offering to redeem His people.

/Peter's second mistake was that /he considered Moses and Elijah equal to Jesus. /Peter's third mistake was that he wanted to hold on to the /world of transfiguration that was temporarily shown to them. /Peter forgot /about his calling. /Peter failed to think about the nine disciples at the bottom of the mountain /and all the poor people who were waiting.

/In verses 34-35, /it says a cloud enveloped them. /The "cloud" is God's presence. /God said, "This is my Son." /Jesus is God's Son. /God entrusted everything to his Son.

/Jesus had everything that was God's. /The Lord then gave it to us. /It says that God called Jesus, "whom I have chosen." /Jesus is the One who would fulfill God's will. /Jesus is One with whom God is pleased with.

/God said, "listen to him." /This meant that they were listen to Jesus. /It is important that we listen to Jesus.

/In verse 36, /the glory of the transfiguration /and Moses and Elijah disappeared. /The voice from heaven also stopped. /All these allowed the disciples to know more about Jesus. /All these appeared to show them the works that Jesus would do.

/It says, "The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen." /This means that after we receive great grace, /we are to stay quiet and treasure the grace we received. /It is important that we live with the grace and testify to it with the fruit we bear by living by it.

/In verses 37-45, /Jesus healed a boy with an evil spirit. /One man came and bowed

before Jesus. /He was a father who asked Jesus to have compassion on his son, who was sick with epilepsy. /Jesus' disciples could not drive out the demon.

/In verse 41, Jesus rebuked His disciples. /Jesus found it pitiful that even though He was with them for a long time /and He taught them and guided them in their faith, /they still lacked faith /to chase out demons.

/In verse 42, /Jesus rebuked the evil spirit. /The demon threw himself to the ground in a convulsion and then left the boy. /The boy was healed. /The faithless disciples could not chase out the demon. /However, the demon was completely helpless before Jesus and His words.

/All who saw this marveled at Jesus' majesty. /Thus, the Lord said, "Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you." /This meant that they were to treasure this in their hearts for a long time. /Jesus said, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men." /This was Jesus' second time saying that He would suffer.

/In verses 46-48, /Jesus spoke about the greatest in heaven. /The disciples thought that they would each be the greatest in heaven /and they began to argue among themselves. /They were arrogant and pompous. /They were jealous and disputed with one another.

/Jesus knew this /and taught that the greatest in heaven were like little children. /Jesus took a little child and had him stand beside Him. /A characteristic of children is that /they humble themselves. /They rely on their parents. /They long for milk. /They have the desire to learn and imitate others. /They obey. /They are always with their parents.

/Therefore, when believers are like little children, /they first understand the Bible through inspiration of the Holy Spirit. /Then their faith grows more and more. /Second, believers discover God in a deeper sense. /Third, they become more and more like the image of Christ. /Then, they become the greatest.

/Jesus said, "For he who is least among you all—he is the greatest." /Little children humble themselves, and as the least, /they fear God and long for God, /which means that whoever is like them will be the greatest in heaven.

/In verses 49-50, /Jesus said that whoever is not against you is for you. /It does not matter how /someone preaches the Lord's name, /because as long as God's kingdom is preached, /it will advance God's kingdom. /Everyone is different /in how they preach the Lord's name.

/In verses 51-54, /the Samaritans did not welcome Jesus. /When Jesus went up to Jerusalem, /He was prepared to die. /However, the fastest way to go to Jerusalem /was to go through Samaria.

/Thus, the Lord sent messengers ahead of Him. /However, the Samaritans did not welcome the Lord, but excluded Him. /James and John, the Sons of Thunder, /asked



Jesus if they should call fire down from heaven to destroy the Samaritans.

/However, Jesus rebuked them. /Jesus did not come to judge, /but to save. /Hence, Jesus went to another village. /The Lord did not punish those who did not welcome Him /nor was He upset. /Jesus went to another village.

/In verses 57-62, /the Lord told them about the cost of following Him. /One man came to Jesus /and said that he would follow Jesus wherever He went. /However, Jesus did not try to hold onto the man. /The Lord did not ask the people to stay with Him.

/Jesus said, “Foxes have holes /and birds of the air have nests, /but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” /Jesus taught them that the road to following Jesus /was the road of suffering. /Jesus told another man, “Follow me.”

/Then the man said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” /This man did not mean that he would bury his father at that moment. /He meant that he would bury his father after his father died, /give his father a funeral, and then follow Jesus.

/He asked that Jesus would extend the time for in which he would follow Jesus. /Jesus answered, “Let the dead bury their own dead.” /“The dead” are those who are dead in spirit. /Ceasing to follow God’s Word /and burying one’s father is the work of the dead. /These are not works of believers, /but the works of unbelievers, whose spirits are dead.

/The third man said that he wanted to go say goodbye to his family first, and then follow Jesus. /This man meant that he would cease following Jesus, /say goodbye to his family first, /and then follow Jesus. /To this man, his family was more important than following Jesus.

/This man was like someone who plowed his fields and then looked back at it. /It is difficult to properly plow while looking back. /When he looks back while plowing, he will fail in his work. /Therefore, those who look back are not suitable for God’s kingdom.

/Here we will conclude the ninth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Thank you.