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As we reflect on this powerful calling, we are encouraged to ask ourselves a few critical questions: How are we using the authority granted to us in Christ? Are we actively participating in the proclamation of the Kingdom of God in our daily lives? In what ways can we be instruments of healing in our communities?

The mission given to the twelve disciples transcends time. Each believer today is invited to step into this divine commission. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to make a difference, to be light in darkness, and to extend the love of Christ beyond the walls of the church. May we heed the call to gather, equip, and send one another out, declaring the truth of the Gospel and demonstrating God's power through our compassion and service. Let us commit ourselves anew to preach and heal, as we reflect the heart of our Savior in a world that desperately needs it.

Lift Up in Prayer

Leaders of the World as they navigate complex challenges; Archie's recovery from surgery; Yu Bedwell's uncle as he undergoes cancer treatment; Isra's friend Rosales facing significant medical challenges and a possible two-organ transplant; Scott Roeske, recently diagnosed with esophageal cancer—strength, healing, and comfort for him and his loved ones; David's four children—salvation, faith, and obedience; Alondra and her pregnancy—health and success throughout this journey; Jacinth's recovery from her previous operation; Jonathan's wife—God's healing as she undergoes chemotherapy. Please join us in praying for Caleb and Carissa Pierce as they enter a new season as long-term caregivers for a sweet baby boy they're calling Beau. Jim as he departs the Army for the civilian sector. God, guide Isaiah Whalen as he seeks a ministry role and begins his graduate studies. Grant him clarity, strength, and favor in every step he takes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

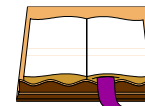
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Bible Study 10:00

Sunday Worship 11:00

Camp Humphreys Pacific

Victors Chapel (Sanctuary)



Wednesday Bible Study 18:30

Camp Humphreys Pacific

Victors Chapel

Rooms: 143 (Adults)

164 (Children)

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31)

Empowered for Purpose

By Francis Schaeffer

In Luke 9:1-2 (KJV), we read, "Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." This passage encapsulates a significant moment in the ministry of Jesus, where He empowers His chosen disciples for a divine mission. This is not merely a historical account; it is a profound lesson for all believers about the calling and authority we have in Christ.

The initial phrase, "Then he called his twelve disciples together," reminds us that Jesus was intentional in His purpose. He does not call individuals randomly, but He chooses them for a specific mission. As believers, we are all called together – not in isolation but as a community of faith. The number twelve is significant as it represents the foundations of God's people, echoing the twelve tribes of Israel. In choosing twelve, Jesus was establishing a new covenant with His people.

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Next, we see that Jesus "gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases." There is a profound truth in the transfer of power and authority from Christ to His disciples. This power is not inherent to the disciples themselves; it originates from Jesus, who has all power in heaven and in earth (Matthew 28:18). The authority He bestows is a reminder that we do not fight our battles in our strength. The struggles against spiritual opposition and physical ailments are daunting, but Jesus equips His followers with the necessary tools to confront these challenges. As we venture into our own mission fields, we must remember that we too have been given the same power and authority to combat spiritual darkness and bring healing in various forms.

Furthermore, the mission given to the disciples was clear: "to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." This dual focus on proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel is crucial. First, to preach the kingdom of God indicates the centrality of the Gospel message. The kingdom of God is about the reign of Christ, inviting people into a relationship with Him that transforms lives. It involves calling others to repentance, urging them to experience the love and grace of God.

Yet, the Gospel is not merely a message of words; it must also be embodied through action. The call to "heal the sick" signifies that the Gospel is holistic in nature. It addresses not just the spiritual needs of individuals but also their physical and emotional wellbeing. Healing comes in various forms — it can be physical restoration, emotional support, or even relational reconciliation. Believers are called to be active participants in God's redemptive work in the world, ensuring that our faith is expressed through acts of service and compassion.

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We will start wearing our congregational T-Shirts on the first Sunday worship service.

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40

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121.00 Dollars

80,000 KRW