

PROPER 9

YEAR B

Jesus sends out his disciples.





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Sunday between July 3 and July 9



Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. When you go on a trip, what things do you like to take with you?
- 2. Jesus sent out his twelve disciples to preach to others and to help them (Mark 6:7-13). He told them to go without food, money and bags. Why do you think he told them to take so little with them?
- 3. The disciples needed to rely on God to provide for them as they went out to do his work. In what ways do you need to look to or rely on God more?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve
M	Ezekiel 2:1-5	The Lord chooses Ezekiel
т	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Paul's visions
W	Jeremiah 1:4-19	The Lord sends Jeremiah
т	Philippians 4:2-14	Giving encouragement and thanks
F	Luke 10:1-20	Jesus sends the 70
S	Psalm 123	A prayer for mercy

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak."

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9



CREATIVE RESPONSE

In your home devotion times this week make a list or draw pictures of ways you have seen God's power at work e.g. in nature, or in people or events around you.

Give thanks for those things.

Look up and discuss these verses which speak of God's power:

Matthew 19:26; 1 Chronicles 29:12; 1 Corinthians 1:25; Psalm 89:8-9,11, 13; Isaiah 40:28-31.



ACTION RESPONSE

When Jesus went back to his home town of Nazareth, he was not made to feel very welcome, even by his own family (Mark 6:1-6). We can easily take family, friends and acquaintances for granted.

Think of those around you and work on showing appreciation for their efforts and contributions to others. Name things that others are good at or that make them a positive influence in the lives of others.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, all good things come from you. Give us hearts that are grateful, and lips that are thankful. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, give us faith and courage this day to tell others about you. Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord show you his grace. May he fill your life with his power.