



new life fellowship

**Sermon Title:** You're Ready

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**Scriptures:** Mark 6:7-13

**7** Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

**8** These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. **9** Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. **10** Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. **11** And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

**12** They went out and preached that people should repent. **13** They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

**Sermon Summary:**

Jesus invites all of his followers to participate in his ministry. This Sunday, as we continue through the Gospel of Mark, we will be invited to reflect on what it means to be ready, get ready, and stay ready as we join Jesus in his work in our lives.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. Jesus invites all of his followers to participate in his ministry in their everyday lives. What is your ministry in your daily life? For example, as a neighbor, a grandparent, a hair dresser, a caretaker, a student, a health care worker, etc.?
2. In what ways do you feel unprepared or apprehensive about joining Jesus in ministry to the people around you?
3. Pastor Jason shared that the word send “apostello” in the text meant to be sent with the full authority of the sender. Authority comes from the sender not the one being sent. Jesus isn’t giving his disciples a task, he is sharing his authority. As Jesus’ disciple, you are ready because you have Jesus’ authority. What would you do differently if you truly understood that authority?
4. Jesus sent his disciples out without extra supplies. American culture idolized self sufficiency. Jesus knew you don’t get ready by getting more stuff but by getting rid of things that are getting in the way. We may tell ourselves that we need more answers, more knowledge, more skills, more resources, etc. before we are ready, but Jesus thinks differently. \*If you knew that you were carrying too much in the ministry Jesus calling us to- what would that be?