

The Pass-the-Plate Devos

"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table during the fifth week after Pentecost"

Mark 6:1-13

¹Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! ³Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. ⁸These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. ¹⁰Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them." ¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

The Gospel of our Lord! **Thanks be to God!**



If Jesus sent you out into the world two by two (with one other person), who would you want to take with you?

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1. What did the people say as Jesus taught in the synagogue?
 2. Why did Jesus take offense at the people?
 3. What instructions did Jesus give the disciples when he sent them out two by two?
 4. What did the disciples do when they were sent out into the world?
 5. If Jesus were to send your family out into the world, what might his instructions be to you? What would he tell you to take with you? What would he tell you to leave behind? What would he ask you to do?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Spend time together being amazed by Jesus' teaching. Have each person share his or her favorite parable that Jesus told. Then, pick one to read. Ask the question: What's so amazing about Jesus' teaching in this passage?