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Deep, Wide & Costly — Part 2

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A Healthy Rhythm for the Church — Gathered and Scattered

"When Jesus had called the Twelve together, He gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He told them: 'Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.' So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere. Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life. But Herod said, 'I beheaded John. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?' And he tried to see him. When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then He took them with Him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida."

Luke 9:1-10 (NIV)

Gathered - Luke 9:1

- Gathered around Jesus
- Empowered by Jesus

Scattered - Luke 9:2, 6

- Sent out by Jesus
- Gospel proclamation and healing

Gathered - Luke 9:10

- Return and Report
- Gather around Jesus

The rhythm of the Church is rooted in the personal rhythm of Jesus Christ.

"At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for Him and when they came to where He was, they tried to keep Him from leaving them. But He said, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.' And He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea."

Luke 4:42-44 (NIV)

Worship results in Mission, and Mission results in Worship.

People naturally share about whatever has their heart.

"As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Acts 4:20 (NIV)

DIVING DEEPER (Scripture readings related to the sermon message.)

Monday — Genesis 12:1-5

Thursday — Luke 24:36-49

Tuesday — Matthew 28:16-20

Friday — Acts 1:1-11

Wednesday — Mark 16:9-20

Saturday — John 20:19-23