Fellowship Group Questions for Sent by Jesus

Read Luke 9:1-4

What's the difference between *power* and *authority*? "power" is the *ability* to do something: "authority" is the *right* to do something

Why didn't Jesus just send them out? Why did Jesus give them power and authority? They needed power and authority to do the job that He was sending them on. You don't need to give something to someone that they already have.

What would have led the disciples to believe that Jesus could give them power and authority "to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases?" They had seen Jesus cast out demons (Luke 8:26-33), heal a man with leprosy (Lk 5:12-14), heal a paralyzed man (Lk 5:17-26), raise a dead man to life (Lk 7:11-16), heal Jarius' daughter and the woman with the issue of blood (Lk 8:40-56). They had plenty of examples that Jesus possessed the kind of power and authority that he was conferring on them.

What was the purpose for which Jesus sent the disciples? And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing. -- Luke 9:2

In what ways can you proclaim the Kingdom of God? In the day and age that we are living in you can proclaim the Kingdom of God by the way that you do marriage. Kingdom marriages look different. You can proclaim the Kingdom of God by the way that you do family. Kingdom families function different. You can proclaim the Kingdom of God by the way that you do employment. Kingdom employees work differently.

Why did Jesus instruct the disciples not to "take a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not *even* have two tunics apiece?" He wanted them to see that he would provide for them.

What do each one of the things that Jesus told them to leave behind represent?

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"staff" – protection
"bag" – provisions
"bread" – food
"money"
"tunics" – basic clothes
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Read verse 4. How does Jesus normally provide for those he sends? He uses others to provide us with what we need.

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