

God Alone Gives Provision and Opportunity for Ministry (Luke 9:10-17)

I. The On-going Life of Ministry (10-13a)

A. Jesus took every opportunity to minister (10-11)

1. Jesus and the disciples were withdrawing after their first mission (10)

- a. They were probably extremely tired
- b. They were anxious for fellowship and rest
- c. They were ready to tell each other of their journeys

2. Jesus took the opportunity to minister to the crowd (11)

- a. "welcomed them" – although tired
- b. Preached to them
- c. Ministered to their needs (healed them)

B. Jesus Gave the Disciples the opportunity to Minister (12)

1. The disciples desired to have the crowd sent home

- a. "get provisions" – disciples were probably hungry too
- b. They wanted Jesus to themselves
- c. They had been the ones working for Him
- d. They were in a "desolate place"

2. Jesus tests their faith and resolve (13a)

- a. "You feed them"
- b. They had just returned in the power of God
- c. They had healed and cast out demons
- d. They had seen God's hand at work
- e. Yet, they would not trust God for provision
 - i. They were still thinking worldly logistics.