

IT'S THE LORD'S WORK

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INTRODUCTION:

The main theme of these two passages is “The Lord sends and He accomplishes.” As the Lord sends us out to proclaim His kingdom and serve others, we can trust that He will accomplish His good work in us, providing peace and guidance through every step.

In the light of the above, how can we response to the Lord's sending and His assurance of accomplishment, as we step out in faith, trusting in His provisions?

The two Bible passages were shared during Pastor Glenn’s Induction and Institution to encourage him, and also to remind all of us that we are not called to our ministries alone. The Lord sends us out and He is with us every step of the way.

DISCUSS:

1. As Jesus Is Sending Us:

- **He will provide everything for us, even through the generosity of strangers.**
- **He will deal with those rejecting us.**
- **As His disciples, we should just press on with the work given to us.**

As Jesus is sending us, we commit to stepping out in faith, ready to proclaim His kingdom and serve others with love and humility.

Share the ministry that Jesus has called you to serve; how you knew it was His calling and how you have served in the ministry to encourage each other. (Note: Ministry is not limited to church roles; it is a way of life where every action and decision is made with the intention of glorifying God and serving others).

2. The Lord Accomplishes:

- **We are not called to do His work alone.**
- **He provides for us, and He deals with our disappointments.**
- **Successful completion is in His hands!**

This reminds us that while we are sent out to fulfill our calling, it is ultimately the Lord who accomplishes His purposes through us. We can trust in His ongoing work and His ability to bring it to completion.

How can we discern and embrace the specific calling that God has placed in our lives? In what ways can we actively trust in His ability to accomplish His purposes through us?

PRAY:

1. Discernment:

Pray that we actively seek God's wisdom and guidance, with hearts and minds open to understanding His will, and courageously embrace His calling with faith.

2. Trust in God's Provision:

Pray that we place our trust in God's provision and guidance. Strengthen our faith to rely on His promises, and seek the peace and assurance of His presence and accomplishment.

3. Faithful Action:

Pray that we accept God's empowerment for our faithful actions in response to His calling. Strengthen us with determination to serve wholeheartedly. Let us reflect God's love and bring glory to His name.