

**Eighth Sunday  $\text{†}$  after Pentecost**  
 **$\text{†}$  Mark 6:6-13  $\text{†}$**   
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On vacation, what can't you go without?

If our life is a journey, to which we are called by the voice and Gospel of Jesus Christ, then it's good for us to see how, no matter what, we take with us ...

**God's Good News Goes**

1. It covers ground.

The Twelve were not expected to battle flesh and blood enemies.

So the Twelve weren't much to look at.

In keeping their preparation and protection simple, God was teaching them to get going and cover ground.

So often we Christians wonder if we're ready to share the message of Jesus.

2. It stands its ground.

So Jesus was calling each of His Twelve friends to a certain attitude.

It has to be this way. Whoever would answer the Savior's call and bring His authority and good news must look to the Word alone.

Even in rejection would these pairs of disciples not become discouraged.

3. It gains ground.

Success came in the form of visible results.

Jesus did both cover ground and stand ground.

Now is this good news sitting on the shelf, spoiling in your hands, and are you simply savoring it on your tongue?

As God calls us to our vocations, may we bear His Word.