

The Church of Saint Pascal Baylon

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Many of us have the experience of packing for a journey. We take clothes, supplies and money. We make arrangements for a place to stay. We might make reservations for an airplane flight to our destination. Taking what we need for a journey is a good thing. So this weekend's Gospel reading might surprise us when Jesus sends out the twelve apostles with the instructions to carry only a walking stick, sandals and one cloak.

I think Jesus is teaching his Apostles two things in these travel instructions:

- 1) it's urgent that they travel quickly and proclaim the Gospel to the towns and villages. Having lots of things to carry will slow them down.
- 2) They can rely on God to provide for them; lodging, food and needs will be provided by the people they visit.

In our journey as disciples, we can learn, as well, from the travel instructions that Jesus gives the Apostles. We are called to move urgently and with energy into the world to spread the Gospel. We should not sit back and wait for perfect opportunities and moments to share our faith. We are taught to share and live our faith today and every day. And we can count on God to provide for us as we travel the road of Christian discipleship.

-Father John Mitchell