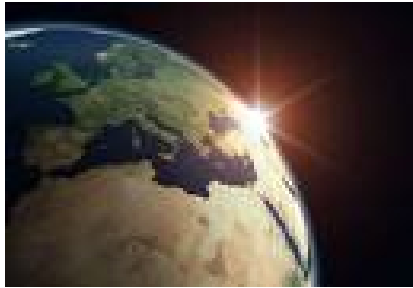


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Mark 3:13-19

The Good News: A Sermon Series through the Gospel of Mark
The Good News of Being Gathered to Scatter
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There's Good News for the world . . .



(Describe, in your own words, the good news in these verses.)

Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons.

Mark 3:14-15

When you want to get away from it all where do you go? What do you love about that place? What about this place is restorative to your soul? Hold onto your sense of this place as you read today's scripture. Imagine yourself there as you hear the reading of the scripture.

READ Mark 3:13-19

Prepare to read the scripture a second time while you imagine yourself as one of the disciples. Imagine yourself among the crowd that is gathered around Jesus. Hear him call your name as he called out the names of the disciples. Be aware of what you are feeling each step of the way.

Re-READ Mark 3:13-19 (read slowly)

Allow a time of silence to write responses to the following questions.

What do you imagine when Jesus first calls your name?

How do you make the decision whether or not to follow Jesus?

What goes through your mind as you hike up the mountain?

What do you talk about while on the mountain with Jesus?

Share some of what you imagined with one another.

DISCUSSION (talk through as many sets of questions as you have time for)

How well do you feel like you are connecting the dots between spending time with Jesus and being sent out to be a living example of him?

What is going on in your relationship with Jesus lately? Are you working on a particular issue? How would you describe the current state of your relationship with Jesus (lively, confusing, quiet, uncertain, nonexistent, comfortable, etc.)? What do you desire for this relationship to be like?

What do you love about being gathered together in community with Jesus? Are there ways you are struggling with the gathering aspect of Christian life lately?

Is it easier for you to spend time with Jesus or be out there doing his work?

What do you love about getting to be out there living in the name of Jesus?

Are there ways you are struggling to express your faith outwardly lately?

As you have come to worship on Sundays this fall have you come expecting to spend time with Jesus? What distracts you from this being time dedicated to being with Jesus? What has helped you not just be present in worship but be actively relating with Jesus?

PRAY TOGETHER!

Have different people in the group read the following scriptures as a part of your prayer together. Allow space between each reading.

Eph. 1:4, John 3:16-17, Ecc. 3:11, John 17:20-23, John 14:6-7, John 1:14, Gal. 5:22-25