



# Being with Jesus:

## A Devotional From the Book of Mark

Week 1  
Being With God

Day 1

### Scripture

“And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” — Mark 1:17

“And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach.” — Mark 3:13-14

### Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for calling and commissioning me. You call me to Yourself to be filled and changed by You, and then, You send me out to bring Your life to others. Help me to do both of these things well. Draw me closer to Yourself and send me out to be used by You. Amen.

### Reflection

This week we talked about how a disciple is a student or pupil of someone. These students follow their teacher around and soak up what he or she has to say. As disciples of Jesus, we take His teaching, way of life, and presence into our hearts; when we do, we are changed by it. When we live out the life giving words of Jesus, we flourish like a plant with plenty of sunshine and water.

So what does it look like for us to spend time with Jesus? Throughout church history, Christian men and women have done this in many different ways. It's important to find ways that are life giving to you and your particular interests. A few different ideas include: quiet time, acts of service, journaling, painting, reading, or time in nature. These are just a few examples, so find something that works for you. Ask your pastor for direction if you're struggling. Of course, we always should engage in Bible reading, prayer, worship, and time talking with friends about God.

As we discussed in our lesson, distractions can be a danger to our spending time with Jesus. There are a lot of things that are asking us to give them our time and energy. It's important to make sure you spend time with Jesus so that you can be full of Him and ready to go out and do His work when he calls you to. We used a soaking image a lot this week, so think about yourself as a sponge that is totally saturated with Jesus' life giving water and ready to be rung out by God on a thirsty world that needs Him.

### Questions

Have you ever felt Jesus fill you with peace, love, joy, or some other life giving feeling? What happened?

What are some ways that you enjoy spending time with God?

What are some distractions that you need to get rid of in order to connect with God?