



Being with Jesus: Discipleship in the Book of Mark

Week 1: A Call to Being

A disciple is a pupil or learner. We follow Jesus soaking up all he wants to teach us.

Disciples of Jesus are Called and Commissioned // Mark 1:16-20

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

To be called by Jesus means that we are asked to join Him.

To be commissioned by Jesus means that he has given us an important task.

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What does it look like when we join Jesus?

Like a plant needs regular sunshine and water to flourish, what things do you need to do in order to soak in Jesus’ life-giving presence?

Sgt. Rich Eaton said Pokémon Go was not worth losing “life or limb” over. Getting distracted at the wrong time can be dangerous. What kind of things distract you from following Jesus?

In Mark chapter 3, it says that Jesus “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.”

Being a disciple means we are called to spend time with Jesus and are sent out with His presence to do His work.