

## **Our Relationship With Jesus: His Followers are Invited on His Mission**

### **Mark 3:13-19**

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Last Week: Embracing the Challenges of Fatherhood

**Fans** – A Fan is someone interested in the things of Jesus, enjoys the benefits of Jesus but is not engaged in His mission.

**Followers** – A Follower of Jesus are those who accept His Invitation and join Him in His missions.

**Foes** – A Foe opposes Jesus, becomes an obstacle to His mission, and rejects His Invitation.

### **Three exciting Truths in the Bible:**

The Cross

The Resurrection

He chooses us.

The Invitation to join Jesus on His mission includes we enter into His Presence, His Power, and His Perseverance.

### **His Presence –**

Jesus is calling us into His **Presence**. He desires that we be with Him and that we Abide in Him.

Colossians 1:12-14

Acts 20:24

### **His Power –**

Jesus chooses us and then gives us His **power** to accomplish the work He has for us to do

His Creative Power, His Authoritative Power, His Sustaining Power. The Power of His Resurrection defeating death.

John 16:33

Luke 4:18

2 Corinthians 4:3-5

Colossians 1:16-17

### **His Perseverance –**

Jesus is inviting us into His **Perseverance** as He sends us out.

Mark 3:14 so that they might be with Him and He might send them out.

Matthew 28:19 ...to go and make disciples.

Matthew 28:18 ... all Authority given to Jesus.

John 6:66-69 – Many fans of Jesus walked away

When we answer the Invitation to join Jesus on His mission, we are being sent out by Him to experience His presence in our lives. Living in His power and learning as He modeled to persevere for the gospel, proclaiming the good news in every situation and stage in life.

**Community Group Discussion Questions:**

1. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus?
  - A Fan, Follower, or Foe?
2. What do you think it means to abide with Jesus and enter into His Presence?
3. Share a time you experienced the Power of Christ in your life?
4. Jesus modeled great perseverance to accomplish the Father's will.
  - How are you persevering for the gospel?
5. Do you consider it a privilege or burden to join Jesus in His mission?
  - Is this where you walk away?
6. Begin praying about who you can invite to our fall Alpha Course.