

Jesus Uses Ordinary People
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Introduction:

Text: Mark 1:14-20

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Big Idea: Jesus said to a handful of ordinary people...F_____. M_____. He's still using the same language. What is your response.

#1-The message of Jesus was not ordinary (MARK 1:14-15)

- **The time is fulfilled:** The context and content of Jesus' ministry was precisely predetermined.
- **The kingdom of God is at hand:** The kingdom of God is about the _____ and _____ of God.
- **Repent and believe in the gospel:** The gospel does not mean good advice, it means a **decisive victory has been _____** and that's GOOD NEWS!

#2- Jesus often recruits ordinary people during a busy _____ routine (MARK 1:16-18)

- Jesus' mission began with gathering a few unassuming disciples.
- Instead of students selecting their desired teacher, Jesus _____ relationships with those He wanted to follow Him.
- Jesus _____ fishermen in order to gather and spare people from God's impending judgment.

#3- Jesus will _____ with the plans of ordinary people to make them his disciples (MARK 1:18-20)

- _____ is not getting Jesus to help with your agenda but aligning your entire life to fit with your agenda.
- The boldness of Jesus' call to discipleship only makes sense if He has the _____ to interrupt our lives.
- Most people try to use Jesus in the three areas that He called the original disciples to surrender: _____, _____, and _____.

Truth into Action:

#1-Know that Jesus is the SAFEST LEADER TO FOLLOW.

#2-Believe the Gospel message proclaimed by Jesus?

#3-Ask the question: Does my life look like I believe the gospel?

CONNECT CARD NEXT STEP:

- Be committed to the process of discipleship.
- Identify where Jesus is mess'n in your life and ask Him to move you to surrendered obedience.



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: Who is the safest person you know and why?

- What do you expect from God? Does He seem intimidating?
- Is it possible that you have been keeping your distance from Christ even though you believe in Him? If so, why?
- What keeps you from trusting Him and following Him?
- From your perspective is God a “giver” or a “taker”? explain
- What do you fear God might do to punish you if you do not follow His plan for your life?
- Do you enjoy God? Have you found Him to be approachable, likeable, loveable? Do you appreciate the safety of His humility? Explain
- If you were to fully accept the authority and leadership of Jesus as a way of life what would change?

Closing Prayer: Father God thank you for loving me and pursuing me. As we study the book of Mark, let my spiritual eyes see that you are a safe & trustworthy LEADER worthy to SURRENDER my life to and FOLLOW.

Resources:

- Jan David Hettinga, Follow Me: Experience the loving leadership of Jesus
- R. C. Sproul, The Gospel of Mark;
- Tim Keller, Chris the King
- Life Application Bible Commentary, Mark
- Jason Meyer, Mark for You
- Gaebelien (Ed.), The Expositor’s Bible Commentary: Mark