



**Title: Into the Wild - Out to the World**

**Scripture: Mark 12-20**

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**Bible Version: NLT**

**BOTTOM LINE: Jesus doesn't invite us to a life of comfort and ease, but to a life of sacrifice and surrender.**

### Preparation

**Vs. 12**

**Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.**

- Jesus goes from a mountain top experience (baptism) and immediately went to a wilderness experience (testing/temptation).
- *Ekbollo* – compelled, cast out, or driven.
- Jesus was thrust into this wilderness environment, not reluctantly, or against his will, but with a purpose.
- Jesus's temptation helped prepare him for the work God had for him to do.

**Vs. 13**

**And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.**

- 40 is often a number that is used to show a time of testing or judgement (Noah, Moses, Israelites in the wilderness).
- Jesus won the battle with temptation and showed He had the power to overcome Satan and sin.
- Where the first Adam was defeated (Adam fell in the garden of Eden), the last Adam succeeded (Jesus won in the wilderness).

**For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin..**

**- Hebrews 4:15**

*In one sense he's like all of us - he has endured incredible temptation, suffering and hardship. Yet, in another, he's like none of us - he has never sinned. Therefore, he is the perfect high priest. He can sympathize with you in your weakness and suffering. Yet, since he resisted completely, he can also help you. - Tony Evans*

- Jesus is not only our Savior, He gets us, cares for us, and is always with us.

### **Proclamation**

#### **Vs. 14**

**Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,**

- Between the baptism of Jesus and the arrest of John the Baptist approximately one year has passed.
- Jesus begins to preach publicly throughout Galilee.

#### **Vs. 15**

**and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."**

- This verse sums up the main message of Jesus, he was proclaiming the Good News of the gospel.
- Kairos, the Greek word used here for time describes an important and momentous moment. This is a divine fulfillment, one that completes all the messianic promises of the Hebrew Scriptures.
- Repentance includes a change of mind, heart, and actions.
- Repentance has two sides – turning away from sin and believing the Good News!

*Have we felt our sins, and forsaken them? Have we taken hold of Christ, and believed? We may reach heaven without learning or riches or health or worldly greatness. But we will never reach heaven if we die unrepentant and unbelieving. - J.C. Ryle*

### **Participation**

#### **Vs. 16**

**And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.**

- We know from the Gospel of John (1:35-49) that these four fishermen had already met and believed in Jesus.
- This encounter was a call to action, a call to discipleship, a call to *participate* in the mission.

### **Vs. 17-18**

**17 Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” 18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.**

- Jesus had a plan for developing his disciples. Walk with me, watch me, and I’ll teach you how to multiply this ministry.
- The message of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection demands something of us.
- To follow Jesus, is to surrender control.

### **Vs. 19-20**

**19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also *were* in the boat mending their nets. 20 And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.**

- Jesus isn’t looking at your capability, but your availability and willingness to follow Him.

*Following Jesus means dying to ourselves and our own desires, and living for Him and His kingdom. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

- To follow Jesus means to reorder your priorities.

### **3 Truths for Living on Mission**

1. Place purpose on the wilderness.
2. Proclaim the power of repentance.
3. Participate in the call to follow Jesus and cultivate people.

# 3D Guide

**DO.**

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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



1. In your own life how has God prepared you in a wilderness experience?
2. Can you communicate the gospel message clearly? What was Jesus' message in Mark 1:14-15
3. The call to follow Jesus is an interruption to our comfortable and convenient life. What would you stand to lose if you chose to follow? What would you gain?



**DO.**

Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that were studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com) or with their app.