

LIFE GROUP GUIDE - Week Starting Sunday 20th July 2025

Key Scripture Mark 3:7-19

This Week's BIG IDEA

Opposition to Jesus was growing alongside his increasing popularity. Before these negative forces eventually culminated in his death, Jesus had one big objective, to lay the foundations for a new covenant community of God's people. This was the start of the Jesus Revolution, but it needed time for him to train twelve apostles, upon which he'd build his global Church and advance his Kingdom until it filled the earth.

Sharing lives

Perhaps start by asking "How has God used another Christian to encourage you recently?"

And ask whether anyone has a missional story from the last week, whether it went well or not.

Meditating on Scripture

Read Mark 3:7-19.

- What opportunities and challenges is Jesus having to respond to here?
- What does this passage tell us about Jesus' strategy and what he wants to achieve before the cross?
- What is so significant about Jesus appointing twelve apostles, as opposed to 10 or 15?
- What is Jesus calling his disciples to, and what does this mean for us today?
- How do you think the twelve apostles got on with each other?
- What does this teach us about relationship challenges in church life?
- What does it mean for you to be apostolic in the kingdom arenas God has placed you?
- Based on where you live and your current situation, how can you commit to being part of a church?

Worship and Prayer

Consider singing a worship song, such as <https://youtu.be/DqZX08DDWiA?feature=shared>

Encourage the group to continue worshipping and praying together as God leads them, whether by starting another song, reading a few verses of Scripture, bringing a spiritual gift or praying out loud.

End by laying hands on and praying for one another to be 'sent' to their colleagues, family, friends, neighbours and community.