

The Gospel in Action (6)

Who REALLY Wants to Follow Me?

Mark 3:7-19

Intro: Fair Weather Friends

I. Everyone Wants a Miracle (v. 7-12)

II. Only Those Who Follow are Chosen (v. 13-19)

Conclusion: Following When It's Hard

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important for Jesus to "thin the herd" and invest the majority of His time in a small group of people (the Disciples)? Why not spend the bulk of His time chasing the crowd?
2. We see Jesus does continue to minister to the crowds. He does care about the crowds. But how is His strategy with the crowds different from His strategy with His Disciples?
3. In what ways has God TESTED your commitment to following Jesus? How has your life changed as a result of staying committed through these periods of testing?
4. Discipleship is about two important callings. Being With Jesus. And Being Sent Out. What would happen if we spent all our time trying to be with Jesus, but never went fishing for people? What would happen if we went fishing without truly being close to Jesus? How does this reality challenge you in your faith journey?
5. Would Matthew (the Tax Collector) and Simon (the Zealot) had nothing in common except Jesus. Yet being with Jesus was enough for these natural enemies to eventually LOVE one another and be on MISSION together. How does their story speak into the divisions in our country (and even the Church)? How does it show a path forward?