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Mark 6:7-12 | Becoming a Disciple: The Death of Your Dreams

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REVIEW & INTRODUCTION:

Before I begin today's lesson, I want to address Sunday night's vision meeting.

For those of you who are new to River Bible Church—those of you who have been with us for the past year—I must ask for your forgiveness.

Sunday night was an embarrassment to the Church.

And it shamed the name of Jesus Christ Himself.

What was supposed to be a gathering of God's family to celebrate God's answer to your prayers over the past four years—

It turned into an episode of the Jerry Springer Show.

Rather than a gathering of Christians coming together in unity, we acted just like the world.

Angry, divisive, and self-centered.

Sunday night was the result of bad fruit and unrepentant sin.

Several months ago, I stood at this pulpit with Amy by my side and begged you to stop your gossip and your slander and your ambitions.

I pleaded with you to repent.

Sunday night proves that you did not do that.

~~In fact, not one person came up to us and even apologized, let alone repented.~~

So for those of you who are new to this very dysfunctional River Bible Church, please, please—please forgive us for our sin.

I'm going to address specifics of Sunday night later in this sermon.
— *↳ PIP: Music*

As we move into today's sermon, I honestly cannot believe the timing of this message.

~~It is the sending out of the Twelve to preach.~~

~~In other words, it's the Great Commission in action.~~

I didn't plan this. — This is God's providence

And some of you may think God doesn't have a sense of humor.

He does, but not when it comes to sin.

Sin is so severe that God Himself became man— He came from heaven—

For the sole purpose of being murdered by the very ones, He was trying to give eternal life.

Jesus shed His blood on a Roman cross to pay your sin debt.

*Which includes the anger
↳ divisions from Sunday night*

So no, sin is not funny to Almighty God.

And God is not amused by River Bible Church at all.

I don't make this stuff up.

*That I preach — Today's message is not an accident.
It is a divine appointment.*

God has chosen to use these lips of clay to proclaim His gospel Truth with all purity and passion.

So, for those of you who have ears, I pray that you hear.

Please turn your Bibles to Mark 6:7-12.

Last week we saw how Jesus handled the audacity of unbelief in His own hometown of Nazareth.

+ **KEYPOINT:**

Unbelief—a stubborn refusal to accept the evidence as truth.

The Nazarenes were so hard-hearted to Jesus' message that even if Jesus performed a miracle to validate what He said, they still wouldn't have believed.

+ **KEYPOINT:**

A refusal to believe in Jesus leads to rationalization and, ultimately, rejection of Jesus.

+ **KEYPOINT:**

Unbelief breeds hostility.

Those who do not believe that Jesus is God will soon hate Him.

There is no middle ground with Jesus Christ.

+ **KEYPOINT:**

It's wrong to worry because God calls that unbelief, and unbelief is sin.

+ **KEYPOINT:**

The cure to unbelief is obedience.

Obedience is adjusting your life for the Kingdom of God. —not the other way around.

It's very clear from our immaturity regarding Sunday night—that we have a lot of work to do when it comes to obeying the Word of God.

In today's Scripture passage, Jesus commissions the Twelve to preach the Word of God and make disciples. ^{Apostles}

We're going to learn the application of the Great Commission.

The disciples' commissioning—the assignment that Jesus gives them is to preach repentance (6:6b–13) and then report back to Jesus (6:30–32).
↳ Two weeks

In the middle of this short term missions assignment, we learn the cost of following Jesus.

Next week, we're going to see what happens to the greatest prophet who ever lived—John the Baptizer (6:14–29).—Disciple? Disciplinemaker

These two events—this week and next week—seem to be unrelated to each other, but the gospel writer Mark deliberately links them together.

Why does he do this? Let's find out.

****PLEASE STAND for the reading of God's Word****

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6:7-12 CSB

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+ **Mark 6:7 CSB**—He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

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+ **Mark 6:11 CSB**— If any place does not welcome you or listen to you, when you leave there, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

+ **Mark 6:12 CSB**— So they went out and preached that people should repent.

+ **Mark 6:13 CSB**— They drove out many demons, anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

* This is the Work of God *

+ **PRAY:**

↳ Father, You have a lot to say...

Big message - ^{change} Discipleship, idols, dreams, Ambitions
- Thank you for your patience, grace - that you are long suffering

EXEGESIS:

+ **Mark 6:6b CSB**—^{Jesus} He was going around the villages teaching.

This verse is where we ended last week.

The people that Jesus grew up—the people that He knows best— reject Jesus.

So Jesus judges them as guilty.

We see a divine judgment, Nazareth, here in verse 6.

Two things:

1. Once again, God will not work where He is not wanted.
2. There are eternal consequences for not believing in Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

So Jesus left to go to the other villages.

This is the beginning of Jesus' third preaching tour in Galilee.

But here, Jesus makes a change.

KEYPOINT:

Change is Biblical.

I have to point this out to address the gossip from Sunday night.

The gossip is that leadership is not Godly and not Biblical.

Change is Biblical.

Jesus changes things.

He does decisively.

He does not waver in knowing the right thing to do.

So, knowing His time is becoming limited, Jesus strategically multiplies His ministry.

For the past year and a half, Jesus has been a one-man-show.

He's been doing all the preaching, all the teaching.

He's the one who has healed all the sick and cast out all the demons.

But here, at this moment, Jesus makes a change to shift responsibility to His Apostles.

Jesus never had the intention of doing all this work by Himself.

For the past year and a half, Jesus has poured his life into twelve men—

For the sole purpose of sharing the good news of the gospel.

Jesus is A Preacher & teacher - so are the 12.

That your sins can be forgiven, and your sin debt can be paid.

It's time for the Twelve to get some on the job training.

Jesus is on mission, | so now his disciples are on mission as well.

This is what the Twelve signed up for. Their internship begins today.

+ **Mark 6:7 CSB** *Jesus* ~~He~~ summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

"The Twelve" are the apostles.

This is reiterated in verse 40.

And it was no accident that Jesus selected twelve Apostles.

Israel consisted of twelve tribes that failed to worship the One True Living God.

In other words, they did not obey the Word of God, nor did they listen to God's prophets.

So, Jesus chose twelve men to preach the true message of salvation.

¹² These men symbolized the nation's new spiritual leadership, chosen by Jesus Himself (cf. Luke 22:29-30).

Many times when we read Scripture, we read about these disciples and apostles.

We may tend to think that the two words are synonymous.

But, these two groups of people are not the same.

A disciple is a learner, a student.

An apostle is one who is commissioned by Jesus Himself.

You are a disciple, not an apostle. Why?

An apostle is a person who has an authority that is equal to Jesus.

That means the Apostles had what we call "apostolic authority" over the Church.

That's why it's the Apostles who wrote Scripture.

This is why the Apostles have the power to cast out demons and heal the sick.

You and I are disciples. There are no living apostles.

We don't write Scripture or perform miracles.

All apostles were trained by Jesus personally.

After the Apostle John died, the apostolic office also ceased.

Ephesians 2:20 says that the Church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

Sends Them out—^{First} Jesus launched his public ministry by calling Israel to repentance (1:14-15)

Now Jesus makes a change—and he expands that mission by sending the Twelve out to preach repentance, to cast out demons, and to anoint the sick.

So we see a very specific ministry strategy from Jesus.

Jesus has an end goal in the training of these men.

Make a note of the strategy—

1. Jesus first called the Apostles. (Mark 3:14).
2. Jesus now sends the Apostles. *NOT SIN*

↳ NOT sits knowing the gospel message They do something w/ it.

+ **KEYPOINT:**

The Church is strategic.

There is a plan—there is an end goal in mind for the Church.

The Twelve follow Jesus' strategy.

They don't get out on the field and do whatever they want.

Can you imagine your favorite football or baseball team doing that?

It's the same way for His Church.

Contrary to popular belief...

We don't come into Church doing whatever is right in our own eyes. *- Judges*

Jesus' strategy is unique in two ways here:

1. 2 All Rabbi's called their disciples to follow the Torah—1 Jesus called His disciples to follow Him.
2. There is little evidence that Jewish rabbis sent out disciples, as Jesus does here.

This strategy should sound very familiar to Sunday nights vision meeting.

We are doing the very same thing.

We are calling you—we are inviting you to join us in the specific work of:

1. Becoming a disciple of Jesus.
2. Making disciples of Jesus.

STAKE ONE:
 This will be done with the entire Church being invited to go through the Fundamentals of the Faith class.

As you go through this class, the Lord will reveal to you where He is sending you.

In pairs— They are sent "two by two" as official witnesses (cf. Num. 35:30; Deut. 17:6; 19:15).

+ cf. **Deuteronomy 19:15 NCV**— ...A case must be proved by two or three witnesses.

So Jesus multiplies Himself by sixfold.

The apostles traveled in pairs to give witness to the gospel message being presented.

Traveling in pairs also allows companionship and protection.

Jesus Gives the Apostles Authority— The authority given to the Twelve Apostles is an authority to act on Jesus' behalf.

+ **KEYPOINT:**

The Twelve are not sent to do new work, but to extend the work of Jesus.

The apostles do not have a better plan.

They don't argue with Jesus' plan.

They don't disrespect Him, talk over Him; they don't implement their rights. *call names*

They don't try and fine-tune the plan to their likes and dislikes or their comfort level.

The Twelve simply follow the plan that Jesus Himself has been doing for the past year and a half.

Notice the simplicity to His plan.

Jesus bestows authority on the apostles so that they can join Him in His ministry.

It's not the other way around.

KEYPOINT:

Jesus delegates His authority to The Twelve.

Jesus gives authority.

The Twelve have authority over unclean spirits—

How much more power can a human have?

Why would Jesus delegate His divine power to the Twelve?

The reason deals with the true purpose of miracles.

This is one thing many people misunderstand about miracles today

The foundational purpose of miracles, both in the Old Testament and the New Testament, was to prove the validity of the gospel message.

+ cf. **John 3:2 NIV**—Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

The casting out of demons, the healing of lepers and the sick ^{healing} are clear signals that the Kingdom of God is on Earth.

Here we see the compassion of God towards people.

Jesus could have demonstrated His power in many ways.

He could have turned day into night.

He could have made pigs fly.

But none of that would not have relieved human suffering.

Jesus chose to perform miracles that primarily delivered the sick and suffering.

And in doing so, those signs reflect God's compassion.

So we're starting to see a pattern here.

Jesus used miracles to validate His message, and so do the Twelve.

Now, after the Apostle John died, the apostolic era ended.

The canon of Scripture was fully revealed, so there is no need for miracles to prove the gospel message.

Everyone who preaches and teaches the gospel message ^{today} can now be tested according to the Bible's standard. (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

+ **Mark 6:8 CSB**—Jesus instructed them to take nothing for the road except a staff—no bread, no traveling bag, no money in their belts,

+ **Mark 6:9 CSB**—but to wear sandals and not put on an extra shirt.

So I'm guessing that the Apostles were pretty excited about this missionary trip until Jesus said all this.

They are not traveling first class.

They are entirely dependent on other people for food and lodging.

This is an expression of extreme poverty.

The Apostles will learn to be totally dependent on God for their daily needs.

But there's also an urgency here in verses eight and nine.

It's the same kind of urgency when the Israelites left Egypt during the Exodus,

+ cf. **Exodus 12:11 NCV**—~~This is the way you must eat it: You must be fully dressed as if you were going on a trip. You must have your sandals on and your walking stick in your hand. You must eat it in a hurry.~~

Jesus tells the Twelve to do the same thing.

This short term mission assignment announces something as foundational as the Exodus from Egypt.

Nothing more was to be taken on the journey.

They were forced to be entirely dependent on the Lord to provide. *apart from Him*

~~The parallel message with the Exodus Passage is intended to demonstrate that God is doing something new—it's another "do-over" for mankind.~~

times that
If we travel from the Exodus—to the prophet Isaiah, we see that God told Isaiah to walk naked and barefoot, just like a prisoner of war, for his missionary journey.

How's that assignment sound to you?

Isaiah's nakedness
This signaled the coming judgment upon Israel. They're found guilty.

500-700 years later, we see God give a similar message to the Twelve.

The poverty of the disciples is a prophetic warning of judgment that will come upon Israel.

So, this mission that Jesus is sending the Twelve on is exceptionally urgent.

Jesus allows only the absolute minimum items needed for travel.

Even the things that Jesus prohibits—bread, bag, money, extra shirt—would usually be considered basic necessities.

They are to go just as they are. No time to pack a suitcase. *or charge their iPhone*

~~Jesus' instructions seem to be severe.~~

It's a test.

They are not to do their own thing.

If they go with all plans made— all the meals prepared— and tons of cash in hand, then they are not going in faith.

And if they're not going in faith, their message of faith in Jesus is not believable.

The staff Jesus allows them to take has a rich OT imagery beginning with Moses' staff (Ex. 4:2-5, 20).

It could also be connected to the staff of the twelve tribes (Num. 17).

It may have some symbolic connection to Israel's covenant renewal (Ezek. 20:37; 37:15-28).

In other words, the staff is a picture of calling Israel back to God.

† cf. **Psalm 23:4**— *Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

The rod and staff were the traditional tools of a shepherd.

The rod was a shorter stick used for protection.

The staff was the shepherd's crook.

Do you know what a crook is? It's the hook of the Shepherds staff.

It's the way the shepherd guides his sheep.

ILLUSTRATION:

You put it around the head of the sheep, and you gently guide them.

This is nice— I should have had this on Sunday night.

Obviously, it's also used as a walking stick.

tunic
Your translation may say they were not to take an extra tunic, shirt, or set of clothes.

The tunic was a shirt worn under the robe next to the skin. — like underwear

It was worn with or without a robe over it.

It reached almost to the knees or ankles.

Some travelers had two or more tunics to have a change of clothes.

Travelers also used it as a blanket to keep them warm at night.

Without it, they would have to trust God to provide shelter for each night.

+ **Mark 6:10 CSB**—He said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that place."

Here we see the second set of directions.

Jesus gives the Twelve specific directions on how to act with people.

The Twelve ~~Apostles~~ are to be grateful guests by staying put where they are welcomed.

The mission is not to find the nicest living arrangements but rather to bring people into the kingdom. *NOT VACATION*

The Twelve are to depend on the hospitality of each village they visit, and they must be content with whatever living conditions they experience. *Are given*

If they were to leave one home for another in the same village, that would insult their hosts and bring disgrace on the gospel.

Make no doubt about it, given their power to heal diseases and cast out demons, *the 12* they probably received several invitations to upgrade their comfort level.

They would do the same thing that we often do, "Hey, there's no reason to sleep on the floor. We have a spare bedroom."

Hey, there's no reason to sleep in the spare bedroom; we have a guest house.

Hey, there's no reason to sleep in that guest house; we have a second home overlooking the Sea of Galilee."

Jesus says no
They were not to move from house to house.

After they accepted one invitation, they were to decline all others.

Staying in the first home also distinguishes them from ^{the} traveling false teachers.

False teachers make a career of going from house to house, asking for money, and taking advantage of their hosts.

Mark 6:11 CSB— If any place does not welcome you or listen to you, when you leave there, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

The shaking of the dust off feet is a symbolic act regarding the seriousness of rejecting the gospel message.

It is a sign that the Apostles have abandoned that village to its fate.

Those who have heard the truth of salvation, and reject it, will receive the severest form of eternal punishment.

Many of us are familiar with an altar call.

Where the pastor says, "If you feel the Lord calling you to respond to Christ, come now."

When people come, that's good news.

But if you present the good news, you must also present the bad.

A gospel presentation with all grace is not the gospel message.

A gospel message must have both grace and judgment.

That's why nobody wants to kill preachers anymore ^{In America} because their message is not the full gospel.

The altar call is not Biblical, by the way—that's why we don't do one here at River.

The churches that do altar calls don't usually present the other side of the gospel coin.

How many of you have ever heard a preacher say,

"For those of you who don't respond, please know that you have chosen to pay your sin debt in a very real place called hell for all eternity."

The gospel is a two-edged sword.

You can't just accept one side of it.

The disciples' message, like that of Jesus, brings judgment as well as salvation.

Jesus and the Twelve presented the full gospel message.

This is why people eventually killed them.

+ **Mark 6:12 CSB**— So they went out and preached that people should repent.

Calling people to repent is one of the most unpopular things a preacher could ever do.

Calling people out on their behavior, on the way they live, their gossip, their slander, their divisiveness does make a lot of friends.

In fact, it creates enemies.

Now, preaching repentance is even more risky when the preachers have to rely for their food and shelter on the people who are supposed to repent.

Why should anybody listen to the Apostles—verse 13.

regard repentance.

Mark 6:13 CSB— They drove out many demons, anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Mark now describes the actual mission of the Twelve.

It was clearly patterned after Jesus' own ministry.

1. Preaching repentance (v. 12),
2. driving out demons (v. 13),
3. healing the sick—just like Jesus.

In other words, the Twelve followed Jesus' instructions.

They were obedient.

KEYPOINT:

Obedience: Just do it--nothing more, nothing less.

In both word and deed, they did precisely what Jesus told them to do.

PREACH:

This short term mission of the Twelve Apostles communicates the seriousness for Israel to repent now.

The Apostles confront people with a yes or no decision.

There is no middle ground.

Today's message is titled, "*Becoming a Disciple: The Death of Your Dreams.*"

After Sunday night, it is blatantly apparent that you are confronted with a yes or no decision. *As well*

*So let me address Sunday night's episode/Biblically
As A pastor: Dark maker*

We currently have two churches in one building.

Church #1

We have old River/Community/Fellowship, which was the name before I became the pastor.

new folks

And last year, the leadership and I changed the name to River Bible Church.

Elders

Obviously, the name change doesn't do anything without a heart change.

Having two churches in one building means that there are two visions.

For those of you hanging onto River/Community/Fellowship—

old

Sunday night proved that you want to hang on to the past.

You want things the way that they used to be.

You choose to be upset because the music is not the way you like it.

for two reasons

And Picnic in the Park is no longer idolized.

And then we have River Bible Church. ~~which exists for the festival~~

Church #2

Where we are going to be disciples and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

message: two parts

Carry out the Great Commission

As I gave my message for Sunday night, I prefaced it by stating that the vision presented will set forth the most significant set of changes that the Church has seen since it was founded.

And the changes provoked all the anger.

If the Church changes something, and no one gets mad, you've changed something that nobody cares about.

And that's not Biblical.

God calls us to change that is sacrificial.

It's not difficult to sacrifice the things you don't care about.

Biblical sacrifice is no joke. — *Let's take a look at what Biblical sacrifice is.*

God asked Abraham to sacrifice his own son.

+ cf. **Genesis 22:2a CSB**— "Take your son," God said, "your only son Isaac,

See how specific God is there—he says, Isaac, not your other son Abraham, not Ishmael, but Isaac.

+ cf. **Genesis 22:2b CSB**— "whom you love, go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

Evidently, Abraham not only loved Isaac, but idolized him.

And God will not allow any idols in the life of His Children.

It's decision time, Abraham.

What are you going to do?

Is the cost too great to become a disciple?

Did you not hear God correctly?

Are you going to run and start asking other people what you should do?

① Are you going to doubt that God is good?

⑤* **KEYPOINT:**

Abraham didn't choose what the sacrifice would be.

②+ cf. **Genesis 22:3 CSB**— So Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took with him two of his young men and his son Isaac.

③ Here we see the simplicity of obedience.

④↑ From God's perspective, we don't pick the place of our service. It's God who chooses your martyrdom.

⑥ This is a test for Abraham.

And it holds true for us as well.

+ **KEYPOINT:**

We don't choose the test, but we do choose whether or not to obey.

A few verses later in the story, Isaac says, "Hey, Dad, where's the lamb for the sacrifice?"

+ cf. **Genesis 22:8 CSB**—Abraham answered, "God himself will provide, the lamb for the burnt offering, my son."

+ **KEYPOINT:**

We'll never experience God's provisions without true sacrifice.

And you know the end of that story.

Let me share a narrative that you may not be so familiar with.

In 2 Kings 18, we learn of a young King named Hezekiah.

He became the king of Judah at 25 years old.

He reigned as king for 29 years.

+ cf. **2 Kings 18:3 CSB**—He did what was right in the Lord's sight just as his ancestor David had done.

+ cf. **2 Kings 18:4a CSB**—He removed the high places, shattered the sacred pillars, and cut down the Asherah poles.

+ cf. **2 Kings 18:4b CSB**—He broke into pieces the bronze snake that Moses made, for until then; the Israelites were burning incense to it.

Hezekiah was a revolutionary for this concept of becoming a simple Church.

He was intensely focused. He was against cluttered spiritual lives.

Evidently, God liked that about him because Scripture tells us Hezekiah did what "was right in the LORD's sight."

He returned God's people to the Lord.

He leads Judah through an extreme makeover.

Hezekiah
He got rid of some things. that were causing problems.

First, he removed the high places and cut down the Asherah poles (2 Kings 18:4).

Basically, he removed ~~threw out~~ the altars that were set up to make-believe gods.

He took out the godless clutter that had been competing for the attention and the affection of the people.

And we would say, I hope so.

Any Elder/Pastor worth his salt should be willing to do that.

So eliminating pagan idols is one thing, but what Hezekiah did next was shocking.

cf. **2 Kings 18:4b CSB**— He broke into pieces the bronze snake that Moses made, for until then; the Israelites were burning incense to it.

He broke into pieces the bronze snake that Moses made. Why?

The Israelites were burning incense to it.

In other words, God's people were not worshipping God; they were worshipping an idol.

So Hezekiah broke the bronze snake that Moses had made—on purpose!

He did not just drop it and claim it was an accident. —oops.

He broke specifically and intentionally broke it into pieces.

Think of a baseball player breaking a bat over his knee comes close.

This is the snake that God told Moses to make.

If you're not familiar with the story— Numbers 21:6–8.

It was crafted and held by Moses himself.

This thing was sacred.

Hezekiah got rid of it because it was clutter.

It was clutter because the people worshipped it.

It took attention away from the real Savior.

Their time, effort, relationships and money went to idolizing a fake bronze snake— instead of worshipping the Living Savior.

What was once a good thing became an idol.

~~It got in the way of their worship of God.~~

KEYPOINT:

The tool for ministry became the object of worship. XZ

Hezekiah did something that was insane. ☺

It was a radical move.

And yet we know that destroying this idol pleased God.

cf. **2 Kings 18:5 NLT**—Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before or after his time.

cf. **2 Kings 18:6 NLT**—He remained faithful to the LORD in everything, and he carefully obeyed all the commands the LORD had given Moses.

cf. **2 Kings 18:7 NLT**—So the LORD was with him, and Hezekiah was successful in everything he did.

In many churches, the original ministries and programs over time create clutter.

And they create clutter, because people refuse to change.

Instead of uniting the Church together and producing good fruit,

They cause division and produce bad.

And this is precisely where we are with Picnic in the Park.

Picnic in the Park has become an end in itself.

The tool for ministry became the object of worship.

In other words, the only reason some of you are here at River Bible Church is because of Picnic in the Park.

Now that your idol has been broken, there's no need to come and worship it.

So you'll leave. Just like the others. And that's fine.

Do I wish things could be different? Yes.

Am I saddened by all the drama that has taken place over Picnic in the Park and the music?

Absolutely.

But its not too late—it's never too late to repent.

There is a cost to becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ.

And a small part of that cost is the death of your own dreams.

Agendas / Ambitions

You get to choose whether or not you'll pay the cost.

Finally, I want to make our mission very clear.

*- we have one church
in one building*

River Bible Church is here to do two things

1. Worship Jesus. Not programs or ministries.

2. Make disciples.

Bringing today's sermon full circle

Today, The Holy Spirit taught us the strategy for the local Church when it comes to ^{discip}ship

1. Jesus first calls (Mark 3:14).

2. Jesus sends.

Today, River Bible Church is heeding that call.

+ **PRAYER:** -Big Day - smashing idols in the name of Jesus.
 We pray for repentant hearts. please continue to show us the cost to be a disciple. Thank you for showing us that we don't get to tell you what to do. We don't get to choose our own test. We don't get to pick the place of our own martyrdom. If we say our lives our yours, then Sermon Bibliography you get to choose all these things. please continue to use us - no matter the cost to us.

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