

Our Question: What are Jesus' priorities for his disciples?

1. Continued Ministry of Christ (v.7-12)

A. _____ for a Miracle: People from all over jostled for position to get near Jesus because they wanted him to heal them.

B. Demons Believe: The demons recognize Jesus as the Son of God but they do not _____ him. They comply with his commands but do not _____ his character.

- It is possible to know who Jesus is and follow some of his commands and be just as _____ as the _____ are.

2. Calling of the Twelve (v.13-19)

A. The Call of the Master: Jesus took the _____ to call these ordinary men who would become the foundation of the church.

- These men made _____ and misjudgments, they were slow to learn and spiritually _____. They were a lot like you and me.

B. Master's Mission: Jesus called them to be _____ him before he commissioned him to go _____ him. Discipleship is a relationship before it is a responsibility.

- The disciples were entrusted with the _____ and _____ of Christ on the basis of their relationship with Christ.

C. Kingdom Messengers: Jesus chose the twelve as the spiritual leaders of Israel, the ministers of the _____.

- Jesus chose imperfect men to demonstrate his _____ and _____ as they learned to trust and follow him.

Jesus calls disciples to _____ him _____ and then to _____ him _____ as his representatives.

- What is significant about the places people came from to see Jesus? What does this tell us about the crowd ethnically? Why was everyone so eager to see Jesus? How can great difficulty or physical pain make us more open to the message of Christ? How can it distract us from the message of Christ? What makes the difference?
- What do the demons understand and do in verse 11-12? How does this reflect James 2:19? What is the difference between understanding and faith? How does this account reveal to us the identity and authority of Christ?
- So far in the book of Mark, who have been the people that Jesus has commended and accepted? What do the 12 men chosen by Christ have in common? Why did Jesus choose them as the foundation of the church? (Eph 2:20)How does this passage reflect the truth found in John 15:16? Why is this important?
- What was Christ's first priority for his disciples? Why? How does this differ from how we sometimes approach discipleship? What does this priority look like in our lives practically?
- The disciples were entrusted with the authority and message of Christ. Compare Mark 3:14-15 and Matthew 28:19-20 and note the similarities between their commission and ours. What are some key truths we must keep in mind as we follow Christ?
- Why did Jesus choose 12 disciples (instead of 10 or 14)? How does this connect with the story in Mark 3:1-6? What are some things we know about the disciples that Jesus chose? How does 1 Corinthians 1:18-27 help us understand God's plan more clearly? How do we observe this in Acts 4:13?
- Why did Jesus choose men that were proud, dense, and fearful? Why is that an encouragement to us? What is one choice you can make this week to follow Christ more fully or faithfully?