

April 23rd, 2023 – Red Letters: Gospel of Mark (part 14)

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

### Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

### Digging In

**Question 1: Read Mark 3:13.** Pastor Jeff pointed out that the ordinary can become extraordinary, because “Jesus calls us out to follow Him.” Jesus is up in the mountains with his disciples and it says that He calls to whom He desires! Have you even thought about why God called you? **Read 1 Peter 2:9 and 1 Corinthians 1:27-31.** How do these verses encourage you AND humble you about Jesus calling you?

**Question 2: Read Mark 3:14-15.** Pastor Jeff talks about that the ordinary can become extraordinary because “Jesus invites us close.” Jesus calls these people so that they would be “with him.” There is a close relational tie here. Jesus wants to be known and for them to know Him! **1 Corinthians 8:3** says, “If anyone loves God, he is known by God.” How are you developing your personal relationship with Jesus? In context to the verse in Mark 3, how are you being close with Christ?

**Question 3: Read Mark 3:14-15.** Jesus in this passage also calls his disciples to “go preach” the Word of God. Jesus started his earthly ministry by reminding us of what He came to do **Mark 1:14-15**). How has God challenged you to share His gospel and Word to the people around you? As Pastor Jeff said, not everyone is expected and get in front of an audience to preach like pastors do – but all Christ-followers are called to teach the message of God through Christ!

**Question 4: Read Mark 3:15-19.** Jesus calls 12 different men and gives them “power.” Another way of saying this phrase is the disciples had “authority.” Today our authority and power is through the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. **Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.** Discuss, explain, or write down how this verse challenges you to put your faith more the Gospel of Christ than the ability of any human messenger. Our power comes from an outside source!

## Taking it Home

Reflect and apply to your life on how Jeff stated:

“Jesus doesn’t call the qualified, but qualifies the called!”

## Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

**Adoration** – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

**Confession** – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving** – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

**Supplication** – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?