

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 / THE CALL TO FOLLOW / MARK 3:13-19 WE CAN'T MAKE DISCIPLES UNLESS WE CHOOSE TO BECOME DISCIPLES

THE GREAT CHALLENGE FACING THE CHURCH TODAY IS DISCIPLESHIP. JESUS DID NOT CALL US TO MAKE CONVERTS BUT DISCIPLES—PEOPLE WHO SEEK TO EMBODY THE LIFE OF JESUS AS THEIR OWN. THIS IS SOMETHING WE CAN'T DO UNLESS WE ARE TRULY DISCIPLES OURSELVES.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SERIES IS TO LAY OUT OUR FOUR SPIRITUAL HABITS THAT BEST FACILITATE GROWTH AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS. ONLY DEVOTED DISCIPLESHIP CAN BRING THE INWARD TRANSFORMATION OF THOUGHT, FEELING, AND CHARACTER THAT FORMS THE BASIS FOR THE PROMISED LIFE SEEN IN THE SCRIPTURES.

READ Mark 3:13-19.

- 1. How would you define disciple and discipleship?
- 2. What does it mean to 'be with Jesus' today (Mark 3:14)?
- 3. In what ways is it a challenge to spend quality time with Jesus for you today?
- 4. How do the words of Jesus to the 12 here parallel the words he gives to all the church? (See Matthew 28:18-20)
- 5. In which of these three core areas of discipleship (being with Jesus, sharing the message, demonstrating God's authority with others) are you most needing to grow today?

HOLY SPIRIT, GIVE ME A GREATER DESIRE TO MAKE FOLLOWING JESUS THE CENTRAL GOAL OF MY LIFE.