

To Be With Him

WHAT WE FOUND

- Mark gives the appointment of the twelve two purposes, and puts them in an order: to be with him, and to be sent out to preach. The sending is real, and it is second.
- Jesus called those he desired, after a night of prayer. The choosing was his, which is both a relief and a loss of control.
- Judas is on the list. Nearness to Christ is necessary, and it never cancels anyone's freedom.
- In John 1, no named person arrives at Jesus alone. John the Baptist points, Andrew fetches Simon, Philip fetches Nathanael. The chain is made of ordinary introductions between people who already knew each other.
- Jesus's first recorded words in the Gospel of John are a question about desire: "What do you seek?" His first invitation is "Come and see."
- Philip kept his truth claim and changed the venue. What finally answered Nathanael was not an argument. It was being known.

VOICES OF THE CHURCH

VOICES OF THE CHURCH | St. John Chrysostom on Andrew's first instinct

St. John Chrysostom, preaching his way through the Gospel of John for his congregation, teaches in substance that Andrew's very first act after his afternoon with Jesus was to go looking for his brother, and that this is simply what a heart does when it has actually received something.

That much is his. The application this study draws from it is our own, and worth keeping anyway: the impulse to share tends to follow from having received something, rather than being an extra duty laid on top of it.

St. John Chrysostom, summarized from his Homilies on the Gospel of John. This is a faithful summary of his teaching, not a quotation.

VOICES OF THE CHURCH | Pope St. Paul VI on witnesses and teachers

Pope St. Paul VI observed that people today listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and that if they do listen to teachers, it is because those teachers are also witnesses.

He was not dismissing teaching, and this study is not either. He was saying that the teaching gets a hearing through a life. That is the whole reason Movement One is about trust before Movement Two is about proclamation.

Pope St. Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi 41 (1975), restating a line from one of his own addresses the previous year.

VOICES OF THE CHURCH | Pope Benedict XVI on what Christianity actually is

Pope Benedict XVI opened his first encyclical by insisting that being Christian is not the result of "an ethical choice or a lofty idea" but of an encounter with an event and a Person, an encounter that gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.

Everything in this study follows from that sentence. If what we were handing on were an idea, a good argument would be enough. It is a Person, so an introduction is required.

Pope Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est 1 (2005).

LIVE IT THIS WEEK

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Rung 1 of the ladder. This week you do nothing visible at all. That is deliberate. Movement One is trust, and trust is not built by announcements.

- Write three names on the sealed page in your take-home. People you actually see, not people you admire from a distance.
- Pray for those three by name every day this week. One minute is enough. Say the names out loud.
- Tell no one that you are doing this. Especially not them.
- Notice, without acting, one moment this week when you could have said something about Christ and did not. Do not judge it. Just notice it, and bring it back next week.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

"And he appointed twelve, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach."

Mark 3:14

BEFORE NEXT SESSION

Read Luke 24:13-35 slowly, twice, before we meet again. The second time through, read it as though you are the stranger who joins the conversation on the road.

CATECHISM REFERENCES

- **CCC 787.** From the beginning, Jesus associated his disciples with his own life and gave them a share in his mission, joy, and sufferings.
- **CCC 542.** Christ gathers people around himself by his word, by signs of the Kingdom, and by sending out his disciples.
- **CCC 425.** The transmission of the Christian faith consists primarily in proclaiming Jesus Christ, in order to lead others to faith in him.
- **CCC 429.** From the loving knowledge of Christ springs the desire to proclaim him.
- **CCC 904-907.** The baptized share in Christ's prophetic office, and the lay faithful in particular are called to it.

MY GUESS | seal this page and do not reread it

Fold this page over and staple or tape it shut. Your leader will tell you when to open it. Do not look at it again until then.

Three names

Three people God has put in front of you. Write them here and pray for them by name every day of this study.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

One honest line

What do you think actually stops you from speaking about Jesus to these three? Guess now. You will find out later whether you were right.
