

Re.Mark.Able Study
Week 5 Day 1

Hello River Valley Friends and Family. This week of study will look a little different than usual. We are going to follow the immediately example that the disciples gave us. We are going to focus on who we need to invite to join us in His Kingdom.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Your Son to die on the cross for my sins. Please help me to look at my life from all angles to see who I can invite to join me in serving and worshipping You.

17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Identify:

This week we are going to heed the need for urgency. Take the time now to cast your net. Take a look at all of the areas of your life and the people you come into contact with. Here is a list to help guide you but be sure and pray that God reveal to you people to add to your list.

The two people who came to mind when Cody ended his message Sunday.

Family

Friends

Co-workers

People whom you come into contact each day. (The places you shop, get coffee or daily caffeine, etc.)

Neighbors

People you have met through your children's activities. (Sports, dance, music classes, etc.)

As you are inviting people to join you in worship, keep in mind that Sunday, September 10th is a great day to attend worship as it is a transition point. It is a time for us to hit the reset button. Most of us are finished with vacations and summer activities and gearing up for the next season. We have a great opportunity to reach out to others and encourage them to establish new habits and routines.

Impact:

There are moments in our lives where we can look back and know it was a God moment. Times that we know that the Holy Spirit has moved and caused a thing that seemed highly unlikely or even impossible to happen. Look at your list above and pray that the Holy Spirit moves and has an impact on the people you have listed.

Pray:

Spend some time now praying for the Holy Spirit to move both within you and the people you are led to invite. Pray that He gives you direction and identifies a few people from the list you wrote to focus on this week.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, be with me today as I look at the area where you have called me to cast my net. Help me to see how broadly I can cast it to reach people who need you. Help me to hear from You whom I need to invite directly and whom you will impact this week. Help me to see the opportunities You provide for me to impact Your Kingdom.

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Week 5, Day 2

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your Word and all that I can learn from it. Help me to understand what you have to teach me today and help me to this story as an example and see how it relates to my life.

As you read the following verses, answer the following questions and then compare your answers with those that follow.

Who is in the text?
What is happening in the text?
When does the story take place?
Where does the story take place?
Why is this story in the Bible?
How does this story relate to me and my life?

Mark 1:14-20 (NKJV)

14 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom[a] of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I

will make you become fishers of men.” 18 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. 20 And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

Who: Jesus, Simon and his brother Andrew, James and John, both sons of Zebedee

What: Jesus is calling everyday men to join His ministry. He is asking Simon and Andrew to grow in their ordinary faith to an extraordinary mission. This is a great example of how God can use an ordinary person to make a huge difference in His Kingdom.

When: Beginning of Jesus' Galilean ministry

Where: Sea of Galilee

Why: This passage shows that every person can be used to further His Kingdom. It shows that the disciples started out as ordinary people, just like us.

How: (This answer should be personal to each individual.)

Other interesting things to note:

Simon is also referred to as Simon Peter or just Peter.

In John 1:35-49 we learn that Andrew and Simon Peter had begun their personal relationship with Jesus and their Lord and Savior. They chose to follow Him in belief earlier than their decision in this text to follow him physically.

Simon Peter and Andrew started out as disciples of John the Baptist.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to let You use me in great ways to further Your Kingdom.

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Week 5, Day 3

Prayer: Lord, please help me to see myself in this story of ordinary fishermen used for great works.

Mark 1:16 And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

Simon and Andrew were two ordinary men going about their day when Jesus approached them. They were two ordinary people trying to make a living as fishermen when God saw them.

Today, as you go about your day, pray for God to reveal to you people who need to be seen; people who are going about their day in a job who need to see more in life than just making a living. Each day we encounter people who we work along side who are not believers. This includes moms who are choosing to not work outside the home in order to be with your children and those who are retired or work from home. We all have people we network with on a regular basis who we can make the decision to see.

15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Below you will find a guideline to follow if you would like to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior or to use if you are given the privilege to guide someone to the Lord.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

I believe Jesus Christ was crucified, died, and was buried.

I believe He arose from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Lord, I put all of my faith in You and want to make You Lord of my life. I want to follow You all the days of my life.

17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

The first day of this week's study we focused on casting our nets. How are you doing with the follow up? Are you continuing to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you and provide opportunities for you to invite people to follow Him? Please remember that your net is not just for those who can join you at River Valley. It can cover all who need to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

19 When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets.

Even after we think we do not have anyone else in our immediate area to reach out to, we need to keep walking and looking for others to bring alongside us.

Where can you 'walk' today that is different than usual that will enable you to encounter people you would normally not come into contact with?

Prayer: Lord, help me to understand that just as the fishermen in this story needed to fish consistently to make a living, we too need to fish for people on a regular basis and to consistently seek to find the lost and bring them into Your Kingdom.

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Week 5, Day 4

Prayer: Heavenly Father, please help me to be fully connected to You. Please help me to understand that just going to church each Sunday is not enough; I need to grow closer to you and to find others and lead them to You. Lord, I want to be used by You for Your Kingdom.

17 Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Found People Find People

Jesus found these disciples and wanted to teach them how to find others. He wants that for us today as well. He seeks us out and once we accept Him, He wants us to seek others to bring into His Kingdom.

Finding Jesus often means leaving something behind. This could be very hard because nothing is off limits once we choose to follow Him. We could be asked to leave anything from our habits, job, home, lifestyle, reputation, location, attitude, actions, and priorities.

One thing He will never call us to leave is our spouses and children. He may ask us to relocate or change WITH them but never to leave them.

Jesus made each of us for a certain purpose. What is your purpose? He also asks us to lay everything out on the table for Him as we move toward His purpose. Review all of the areas

above. It is time to lay it all out on the table. What is it that you need to leave on the table and walk away from?

As God calls us out of old ways and habits, He calls us into new things. New things can be scary. That is why we are called to live by faith. He will never call you to something that He cannot carry you through.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to seek out the lost and point them to you. Help me to step outside my comfort zone and step into Your will for my life. Lord, thank You for always being with me.

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Week 5, Day 5

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for being with me this week and walking with me through the process of identifying people in my life who need You. Please help me to continue to heed the call to find lost people and help them to connect to You.

This week we learned how God took ordinary men and used them to greatly impact His kingdom. We also heard a call of urgency as we are being called to immediately heed His calling in our lives. He is not only calling us to enter but to excel in our faith.

In previous studies you have been encouraged to look at areas of your life that you need to step out in faith. How are you doing in that area? Today is a good time to evaluate your progress in the areas you have identified in previous weeks of our Re.Mark.Able study.

Earlier this week we have focused on the lost and those who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Today I want you to think of people in your life who are believers but may not be bearing fruit or fulfilling His purpose in their life. Ask God to identify people today who you can encourage to take the next step in their faith and God's purpose. Invite them to join you in worship as well. Help them to press the reset button and move toward the path He has for them.

We all have a chance to impact eternity. Are you seizing that opportunity? Are you willing to take risks to invite people join you in your faith and journey?

Prayer: Lord, thank you for Your many blessings. Thank you for the opportunities You have presented this week for me to act upon. Help me to continue to walk in Your ways and to encourage those who do not know You to make the most important decision of their life. Help me to also encourage those who are not heeding Your call to step out in faith and to move toward You and the purpose You have for their lives.

