

Beyond the Gate: Living Out the Mission

Part 1: "The Mission Begins with Jesus' Model"

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"And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons." (Mark 3:13–15, ESV)

Big Idea: Before Jesus ever sent His disciples out, He brought them close. Disciple-making begins with presence, intentionality, and relationship.

I. You are *Called* to _____

And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom He desired... so that they might be with him. (Mark 3:13, 14, ESV)

Application: Who are you walking with, not just talking to?.

II. You are *Chosen* _____

And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) ... (Mark 3:14, ESV)

Application: Who could be your one? Your three? Your twelve?

III. You are *Sent* _____

He might send them out to preach and have authority... (Mark 3:15, ESV)

Application: Mission is not somewhere you go — it's who you become when you stay close to Jesus.

Takeaways:

1. **Be with Jesus** — this is your first calling.
2. **Invite a few into your life** — discipleship is relational, not accidental.
3. **Live sent** — your authority comes from your connection to Jesus.

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WEEK 1 – The Mission Begins With Jesus’ Model

Text: Mark 3:13–15

Icebreaker (Choose One):

- Who is someone who has deeply influenced your spiritual life? What made their influence meaningful?
- Describe a time someone invested personally in you.

Read the Passage: Mark 3:13–15

Discussion Questions:

1. “He called to Him those whom He desired...”

What does it reveal about Jesus that He *wanted* the disciples with Him?
How does that change the way we think about following Jesus?

2. “That they might be with Him...”

Why is presence the foundation of discipleship?
In your own life, how do you draw close to Jesus

3. Jesus’ relational method

Where do you see Jesus modeling relational discipleship in the gospels?
How does this differ from modern “program-based” discipleship?

4. Intentionality

Jesus hand-selected the twelve.
How can we be intentional — not random — in investing in others?

5. Who has access to your life?

Who are you walking closely with spiritually — both as a mentor and as a mentee?

Personal Reflection:

What is one area where you need to be “with Jesus” more intentionally this week?

Next Step Challenge:

Pray daily:
“Jesus, who are You calling me to invest in?”

Write down one name if the Lord brings someone to mind.

Closing Prayer Prompt:

“Lord, help us stay close to You so we can reflect You to others. Show us who we can invest in the way You invested in Your disciples.”

Your voice matters. We’d love to hear what God is showing you through these questions. Please share your thoughts by emailing us at info@thegateoc.com — your insights will help shape the renewal and restoration of The Gate.