

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Words, Works + Ways - Part 6

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Introduction

When Jesus sent out His disciples to go and teach from village to village, Jesus created accountability for them by sending them two by two. He gave them His authority to preach, cast out demons, and heal people; and they carried his assurance that His authority is the only thing that they needed. Knowing this, His disciples responded with faith and obedience and thus were enabled to do His mission in places that initially rejected Jesus and His power.

Bible Passage

Mark 6:1-13

Discussion

1. How did the people of Nazareth react after watching Jesus teach in the synagogue? Why did they react that way?
2. Read verse 7. Jesus sent them out two by two so they could hold each other accountable. What are some of the advantages of accountability when it comes to doing God's mission? How have you been doing God's mission? Do you have someone to hold you accountable? Share your stories.
3. Jesus gave his disciples His authority. What is your understanding of this (Read Matthew 28:18)? What challenges may come after understanding that we, as His disciples, also have the same authority as Jesus?
4. As the Son of God, this authority is where our identity lies. What could happen if we grab hold of this truth on our day-to-day lives? How can we remember this everyday?

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5. The disciples were told not to bring anything but a staff, because God will provide them with everything they need in doing God's mission. What could hinder us from having faith in God and His provision? Why?
6. His disciples knew that in doing God's mission, they would face rejection, chaos, and hardship. Yet their testimonies are still around today simply because they said yes to do God's mission, and kept going despite the challenges. How does this reality challenge or inspire you?

Respond

The words, works, and ways of Jesus is active today - even when his people are not! If we believe that our identity is in Jesus, then we know we can go through difficult challenges and conversations to share our faith.

This week, ask Jesus who is one person you can partner with in making disciples.

If you already have an accountability partner in ministry, find one person and share your faith and testimonies with them.

Reading Plan:

Week 6 - Read and reread Mark 6.