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**Are You Available?**

Mark 3:7-20

**Key Truth**: Jesus uses human cooperation in fulfilling His mission of redemption and establishing the Kingdom of God.

**A Synopsis:**

**The Crowd Grows -** Mark 3:7-12

 - The people come to Jesus to be healed of their physical

 diseases.

**The Twelve Chosen -** Mark 7:13-19

 - Jesus called the twelve to be a part of His team simply

 because of His sovereign grace.

**His Family Misunderstands Him -** Mark 3:20-21

 - Jesus’ ministry is causing conflict in His family.

**The Role And Responsibility Of A Disciple:**

1. Jesus invites us to join Him in ministry.

 A. You must personally respond to the call.

 B. In God’s Kingdom, availability is more important than

 ability.

2. We must live in His presence.

3. We are called to proclaim the saving knowledge of God.

4. We are called to live out the practical presence of the

 Kingdom of God.

5. We should expect criticism.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Praise God for His calling and work that brought you to Him. Ask that He would continue to transform you as you preach the gospel and do good works.

**CONNECTION GROUP HOMEWORK**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

How would the average person define a disciple?

As a follower of Jesus, it’s great news that the power of Jesus frees us and that His Spirit is at work in us. How do these verses remind us about how God is at work in our lives?

Romans 8:26-27

Hebrews 4:12

John 10:27-28

Acts 1:8

Read Mark 3:16-19: What was Jesus’ criteria for choosing these men for his team? Was there anything mentioned about these men that suggests they were somehow worthy of the calling they received?

Read Judges 6:11-16: Did God choose Gideon because he was a fierce warrior and leader in his clan? Why do you think God chose Gideon?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31: Why should this verse keep Christians humble and giving praise solely to God?

How might knowing that God has chosen you to serve Him change the way that you view your occupation or role in life? How can you remember this truth this week?

Why is it important for us to remember who we are in Christ? How might doing so help us overcome feelings of inadequacy or unimportance?

What is one thing you need to do in order to make the declaration, “I will do what Jesus said”?