



Gathered and Sent

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Mark 3:7-16a, 19b

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Prayer:

I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God. **Philippians 1:9-11**

Discussion Starter

Have there been times in your life when the gathering on Sunday changed the way you encountered something during your week? Share about one of those times.

Or has there been something that happened during your week that caused you to engage the time of gathering differently? Share about one of those times.

Sermon Summary

We live in a time of unprecedented change. Traditions, values and mores that have governed our lives for years are met with suspicion from a public determined to “do what is right in their own eyes.” Even the institutions that have stabilized us in the past are, themselves, weakened by internal conflict and impotence. One of those is the Church. Never has the public been less interested in the Church; never have they needed it more. We must now ask, “what will the Church do? How will we adapt to these times? What changes are called for in making more and better disciples?” In this passage, Jesus gives us a formula for relevance in any age.

Sermon Review Questions

Which is the next shift in your discipleship journey?

- From believing in Jesus to pursuing Jesus - taking responsibility for your own spiritual life with your sole purpose in life is to be like Jesus.
- From pursuing Jesus to reproducing Jesus - taking responsibility for someone else's spiritual life.
- From reproducing to leading - making discipleship the first priority in your life.
- From leading to becoming - taking measures to be “with him” more.

Transformation Questions

1. What do you think God is saying to you?
2. What is keeping you from doing this?
3. If you were to do it, what might be a good first step?
4. Who will you tell? Or who will you ask to help you?

Habit

Each morning pray with your calendar open and consider how the impact of the gathering on Sunday will send you out today.

Quote

“Now it is right that every one of us should fulfill in our life the purpose of our Creator and spend that life for the glory of God and the good of others.”

Sadhu Sundar Singh
Sharing the Joy with Others