

Learning As We Go

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Mark 6:6b-13, 30-32 NIV

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them. The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

Apprenticeship is an _____ word calling us to:

1. Proclaim _____ (key concept: repentance)

6:12 They went out and preached that people should repent.

2. Manifest _____ (key concept: authority)

*6:7 Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them **authority over impure spirits**.*

*Luke 9:1 When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power ... **to cure diseases***

*Matthew 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions... **8Heal the sick, raise the dead...***

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3. Expectantly _____ (key concept: provision)

*6:8 These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. **9Wear sandals but not an extra shirt.**”*

4. Exercise _____ (key concept: meekness)

*6:10 “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. **11And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.**”*

5. Uncompromisingly _____ (key concept: no excuses)

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6. Embrace _____ (key concept: training)

6:30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.

7. Receive _____ (key concept: grace)

6:31 Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- A. Which of the following 7 action points from Sunday's teaching stood out to you?

Apprenticeship is an action word that calls us to:

- 1) **Proclaim Salvation:** Repent means to literally turn from a life of sin and choose a different life strategy, one that exemplifies a life surrendered to the Kingdom of God.

In what ways are you seeking to be intentional to choose a "new strategy for life"?

- 2) **Manifest Compassion:** Jesus sent out His apprentices to heal diseases and cast out evil spirits. He gave them spiritual power to meet the deepest needs of people in a way not otherwise available.

How does this truth that we have been given spiritual power to meet people at their deepest point of need affect the way that you interact with your neighbours, co-workers and friends or family who deeply need Jesus to encounter them in an area of their life?

- 3) **Expectantly Trust:** Jesus instructed the disciples to take only a few essentials on their journey and trust that their needs would be provided for through other means.

When have you willfully put yourself in a position where you have had no choice but to trust in God to provide for your needs? When was the last time you intentionally put yourself in a no "safety net zone"? (ie. where unless God comes through, something is not going to happen).

- 4) **Exercise Discernment:** Read Colossians 4:4-6. Recognizing that the gospel is both attractive and offensive at the same time, how might we demonstrate the attractive inclusiveness of the gospel (loving, serving, blessing all people in all ways) while still holding fast to the exclusiveness of the gospel (Jesus is the only way to God)? How might we be 'wise in the way we act towards outsiders' as Paul says in Colossians?

- 5) **Uncompromisingly Obey:** This point doesn't need any interpretation: obedience with no hesitation, no negotiation and no excuses. Why do you think we try to justify less than full obedience in our walk with Jesus? Is there an area in your life where you recognize your tendency to do this?

- 6) **Embrace Accountability:** Accountability helps train us to be aware of the consequences of our actions...both good and bad. Jesus is after transformation and spiritual formation. He wants to form us internally so that what people see on the outside is the overflow of His good work in our hearts.

Are you actively engaging with a Discover Partner or someone in your life that holds you accountable to the things that you know Jesus desires to spiritually form in you? How has engaging in this type of relationship formed you spiritually? Why is it important to 'train' ourselves to be continually conscious of our actions?

- 7) **Receive Rest:** Not only did Jesus model rest for us, He also invited His disciples into seasons of rest. He calls us into seasons of refreshment and rest so that we can be renewed and encouraged in Him.

How good are you at slowing down and establishing 'margin' in your life? What does meaningful rest look like for you? How might your outlook on some of the pressure points in your life be different if you engaged in a regular rhythm of rest?