

Jesus Summons and Sends

Introduction:

- The Apostolic foundations of the Church are a non-negotiable aspect of the Church's faith and practice throughout the centuries.
 - Ephesians 3:19-20; Acts 2:42
- Jesus is the source of all authority within His Church. He is working in and through His people to accomplish His mission of building His Church and making disciples of all the nations.
 - Jesus appoints the Apostles as His authoritative representatives.

Big Idea:

- *Jesus summons His people to be with Him that He might send them and work through them to accomplish His mission.*

Text:

- Mark 6:7—Jesus Summons
 - The summoning of the 12 in Mark 6:7 is picking up where Jesus left off in Mark 3:13-14.
 - Jesus summons the 12 ***so that they can be with Him.***
 - The authority of the Apostles is forged in nearness to Jesus—it is a relational authority (an authority established based upon their relationship with Jesus and nearness to Him).
 - Before Jesus sends the 12—or us—He first calls us to Himself to be with Him.
 - Jesus equips His people for the activity of the Christian life by bringing them into His presence.
- Mark 6:7—Jesus Sends
 - Why is it important that the Apostles (as well as us) spend time with Jesus before they are sent by Jesus?
 - Jesus is the “Sent-One” from the Father.

- Jesus is the perfect embodiment of perfect loving obedience to the mission and will of God.
- John 17:18—“As You sent me into the world, I have also sent them into the world.”
 - To be sent by Jesus is to be sent like Jesus.
 - As the Sent-One from the Father, Jesus was always breaking away to be with the Father—to pray, to find seclusion and to commune with God.
 - As those sent by Jesus, we too must constantly *break away* from the business of this world to be with the One who sent us—Jesus.

Sermon Reflection Questions:

1. What new insights about Jesus can you be meditating on after hearing this sermon?
2. In what ways was this different than what you thought it would be or previously understood it to be?
3. Does this change the way you think about or enhance your view Jesus in any way?
4. How does this change the way you think about or view what it means to be a Christian (a follower of Jesus)?
5. How could you use this truth to share Jesus with others?
6. What are any questions or concerns that this brings up in your heart or mind?

7. Are there patterns and habits in your life that need to change to help you better live in

light of what you just heard?

8. Do you have any questions about what you just heard?