

Faithful Ministry
Let's Go
Mark 3:7-21, 35
4-11-21

Faithful Ministry Involves:

I. Overload

Mark 3:7-8 – “Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and...from beyond...When the great crowd heard all that He was doing, they came to Him.”

2 Corinthians 2:16 – “To one we are a fragrance from death...to the other a fragrance...of life. Who is sufficient for these things?”

2 Corinthians 4:8-10 – “We are hard pressed on every side...so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.”

2 Corinthians 3:5 – “It is not that we are competent in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our competence is from God.”

II. Opportunities

Mark 3:9-10 – “And He told His disciples to have a boat ready for Him because of the crowd, lest they crush Him, for He had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around Him to touch Him.”

III. Obstacles

Mark 3:11-12 – “And whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they fell down before Him and cried out, ‘You are the Son of God.’ And He strictly ordered them not to make Him known.”

IV. Investment

Mark 3:18 – “And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those whom He desired, and they came to Him.”

Luke 6:12 – “In these days He went out to the mountain to pray, and all night He continued in prayer to God.”

1. Crowd

Matthew 5:16 – “Jesus said...let your light shine before others...that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

168 Hours in a Week

45 Spent Working

68 Spent Sleeping/Resting

55 Hours Left for Others

2. Church

Galatians 6:10 – “...let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

3. Community

Mark 3:14 – “And He appointed twelve (whom He also named apostles) so that they might be with Him and He might send them out to preach (proclaim).”

4. Core

Matthew 17:1 – “Jesus took with Him Peter, James, and John ...and led them up a high mountain by themselves.”

V. Rejection

Mark 3:19 – “and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.”

Mark 3:20-21 – “Then He went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, ‘He is out of His mind.’”

VI. Obedience

Mark 3:35 – “Whoever does God’s will is My brother and sister and mother.”

Matthew 27:46 – “Jesus cried out in a loud voice... ‘My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?’”

Going Deeper This Week

1. Read Mark 3:7-21 and discuss. How does this account reveal to us the identity and authority of Christ?
2. How does this passage reflect the truth found in John 15:16 concerning us as Jesus’ disciples? Why is this important for us to remember daily?
3. Jesus caused a stir again. When is it a good idea for you to do something that you know will result in public criticism?
4. How did Jesus’ question in 3:4 clarify the situation? Think of several reasons why a well-formed question sometimes functions better in a discussion. What is one question you can ask to start pointing someone toward Christ?
5. The Pharisees stayed frustrated and angry. What kinds of people tend to make you angry or get you frustrated? What are you doing about it?
6. What was Christ’s first priority for his disciples? Why? What does this priority look like in our lives practically?
7. How does 1 Corinthians 1:18-27 help us understand God’s plan of choosing disciples more clearly? How do we observe this truth in Acts 4:13?
8. Why did Jesus choose men that were proud, dense, and fearful? Why is that an encouragement to us? By God’s strength, what is one choice you can make this week to follow Christ more faithfully?