

# Words, Ways and Works of Jesus

Study Guide

## Introductory Discussion

(10 minutes)

If you have a trade or profession, think about the training or education you received for it then share with the group:

- What training or education did you receive to learn how to do your job?
- After listening to each other's experiences, talk about how they differ, how your training/ education was effective, and how it was ineffective.

## Discuss the Text

(10 minutes)

### Mark 3:13-15

Prior to watching the video, ask two or three people in the group to read the passage in a different translation. Some translations to consider (these are available in the YouVersion Bible app or other apps, or use your own hardcopy Bibles):

**ESV** (English Standard Version) or **LSB** (Legacy Standard Bible)

**CSB** (Christian Standard Bible) or **NIV** (New International Version)

**NLT** (New Living Translation) or **GNB** (Good News Bible)

Then discuss the following:

- As a group, retell the story without looking at the text.
- Is there anything you don't understand? (See if the group has any wisdom)
- Does anything stand out to you?
- Now Imagine you're one of the disciples. Imagine the exertion from the climb. Feel the cool mountain wind. See the landscape below you, maybe with Lake Galilee in the distance. Imagine Jesus choosing you and telling you what he's going to pass onto you.
  - How do you feel? What are you thinking?
- What can we learn from this passage about following Jesus today?

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# Teaching Video

(20 minutes)

Watch the accompanying teaching video <1. Words, Ways and Works of Jesus>

## Notes

“Disciple” from the Greek *mathétés* for a student or someone devoted to a master.

Discipleship was more like apprenticeship than classroom learning.

3 things Jesus called his disciples to 1. be with him, 2. send them out to preach, 3. and to have authority to drive out demons

A disciple follows Jesus’ words, ways and works. i.e. someone who imitates Christ.

A key for Jesus was only doing what he saw his Father doing.

## Discussion

- What did Alex say a disciple is?
- What are your initial thoughts and impressions on discipleship after watching the video. Has anything changed? Is anything clarified? Do you have any questions?
- How have you thought about discipleship in the past? Does this change how you practice discipleship?
- What challenges do you see in discipleship defined this way?
- What is one thing you will do as a result of this passage?

## Pray

Spend a few minutes praying for each other that God will help you apply the changes you desire to make. If prayer is new to you, simply go around the group and pray for the person on your right, “God, I pray that you will help [name] grow in [name whatever it is they said]. Amen.”