



## Getting Started

### Week 2 - Shared Life Under Jesus

*Goal: To understand that we gather because Jesus is still discipling His people. This is more than a social group: God uses our meetings and our relationships with one another to make us more like Him.*

#### Hook

- Share about a time when you received a personal invitation to join a group. How did it feel? What did it mean to you to be a part of that group?
- Were you ever part of a tryout for a team or show and you “made the cut”? What was that like for you?

#### Book

- Read Mark 3:13-19.
- In verse 14-15, what are the reasons given that Jesus chose the 12? What did he want them to experience and do?
- What is the significance of the first reason given, that they “might be with him?”
  - What are all the ways you can think of that the disciples simply spent time with Jesus?
  - Why do you think that is so important?
- The other part of their calling was to preach and drive out demons. What does it say to us that the disciples were just supposed to know things but actually do the kind of things Jesus did?
  - What are other examples you can think of ways the disciples learned to imitate Jesus and do the kinds of things he did?
- Jesus didn’t just call one disciple to follow him, but twelve. Why do you think the disciples were called in a group?

#### Look

- Jesus had his followers, this was a cohort, an internship, and community learning experience. Have you ever been part of a group of people learning like this, whether it’s a sports team, a class, etc.?
- Have you ever been part of a Jesus-centered learning community, whether it was a small group, or something like a small group? Talk about what that was like for you.
- What are the risks of being in a community like this? What can go wrong with relationships in a community like this?
- What are the benefits of being in a community like this? What fruit can come from relationships in a community like this?



## Took

- In what ways will this small group be different from the 12 and Jesus? In what ways will we be doing the same thing?
  - o (The idea we are getting at is that every small group is a group of people being disciplined by Jesus [through Scripture and the Spirit] so that we might be with him and be like him.)
- What does it mean for Jesus to be the primary discipler in our group?
- How can we spend time with Jesus as a group?
- How can we encourage one another to do the kinds of things Jesus did?
- What are the differences between being a part of a small group versus the other communities in our lives?
  - o Mark 3 is setting up a small group model: how Jesus formed his followers
    - choosing 12 people; not 1v1, groups, life on life
    - choosing to **be** with him: time together
    - hope for replication: that this group would be like him
    - The centrality of Jesus in groups, and our groups