Hook - Getting to know one another

* *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
* When was a time you were pushed outside your comfort zone by someone you trusted? How has this experience stuck with you?
* What is a relationship in your life that has significantly shaped you? (Either positively or negatively). How has your life been shaped by that relationship?

Book - Scripture

* *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand* ***what the text is saying****:*
* **Read Mark 3:13-15, and John 15:5**
* What do we know about the disciples Jesus is speaking to in these passages? What are they like?
* What is communicated about God and God’s desires in these passages?
* What does this say about what it means to walk with God?

Look - Connections to our world today

* *This section focuses on implications about* ***what this text means*** *about what’s wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
* What is the invitation to us in these passages?
  + What is your initial reaction to this invitation? Is it encouraging or full of good news? Are there parts of this invitation that are challenging?
* What responses does this passage call for?
  + What are some ways of being with Jesus in relationship that you have found to be positive, or that you naturally gravitate towards?
  + What is difficult about the invitation to be and abide in that relationship?
* Have there been seasons when you felt closer to or further away from Christ? What characterized those times?

Took - Personal Application

* *This application focuses on* ***how God is calling us to respond****. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
* How do you feel led to respond to the invitation to be with Jesus this week?
  + What practices do you want to lean into as a part of this response?
* How can support one another as we dwell with Jesus in the days ahead?
* As you enter into prayer, consider taking a time of silence - create a space to connect with Jesus now. It may be helpful to set a timer for a short period (5 minutes), perhaps), so the focus on this quiet time may remain. You might return to a simple refrain, such as “Jesus, here I am” .

Time of Prayer