



## Sermon Discussion Guide

### That They Might Be With Him - James Junior

June 15, 2025

#### 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?



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- 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