

Sermon Discussion Guide Do What Your Rabbi Does - Tim 6/29/25

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.
 - What is the most ridiculous/extraordinaryw/silly/intimidating thing you have been willing to do for someone simply because you trusted the person who asked you?
 - Example: Did someone invite you to do a trust fall? Go sky diving perhaps? Invite your crush on a date? Drive across the country?
 - We want to hear all the crazy stories.
 - What tasks have you seen completed that initially felt impossible or uncomfortable?

Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**:

Scripture:

Matthew 10:1–8;

- Jesus makes an invitation in this passage.
 - Who is he inviting?
 - What is he inviting them to?
 - What does the text tell us about why Jesus may have made the invitation?
 - What did Jesus want them to say as they went out?

John 20:21

- What were the implications of this statement for the disciples at the time Jesus said it to them?
 - Example: It would have likely meant traveling significantly, performing miraculous wonders, trusting God, doing what they



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never would have thought possible, likely making church officials nervous, etc.

- What were the implications to those around them?
 - Example: People would be healed, people would see the works of God through the disciples, people would receive a message from Jesus sent through the disciples, God would have been glorified, etc.
 - What do you think would have been their initial response to this invitation?
 - Do you think they would have believed themselves capable? Do you think they would have found themselves willing? After watching Jesus do these things, what do you think this invitation would have had them feeling?

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.
 - Jesus told his Disciples he wanted them to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is near. What is the Kingdom of God? What does this message mean to us today?
 - What do you think it says about Jesus that He felt it important that this be the message they shared as they performed wonders?
 - Jesus invited his disciples at the time to go out and do miraculous wonders. Is this same invitation meant for followers of Jesus today? Why or why not? How do we know? Why is this important to consider?
 - What are the implications of Jesus' statement in the John passage for followers of Jesus today?
 - If Jesus were to make the same statements in these passages to us today, how would the implications of Jesus' invitation be similar or different from how the disciples would have experienced them?



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- Example: How are fathers seen differently? How do you think the average bystander might respond to modern followers of Jesus sharing this call that the Kingdom of God is near ?
- What do you think would happen if followers of Jesus today took this invitation personally?
- What do these passages highlight for you about what it means to trust God?

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.
 - What do you think would be your initial reaction to this invitation from Jesus if you were there when Jesus gave it to the disciples?
 - How would you feel? What would excite you? What would make you nervous? Where would you most notice this invitation as an invitation to trust him?
 - In what ways do you think these passages personally challenge you individually or the groups you are a part of?

Time of Prayer