

# the gospel Jesus' good news for all

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On Sunday, Pastor Josh concluded our sermon series on the good news by preaching on the passage where Jesus calls his twelve disciples. Being only chapter 3, this is really just the beginning of the Jesus story so please encourage your folks to keep reading through Mark on their own especially during this Christmas season.

## FAMILY TIME

Take some time to share prayer requests and praise reports with each other and encourage folks to keep praying for each other's prayer requests throughout the week and to believe that these will become future praise reports.

## DISCUSSION: Mark 3.13-19

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Introduction Question: What is a choice you once made that ended up having major effects down the line, even if you weren't aware of how much it would effect you at the time?

Possible Discussion Questions:

- Who is the focus of this text?
- What was the purpose of Jesus appointing the twelve?
- Why would Jesus call these twelve?
- What ultimately allows these twelve to become the people they are meant to be?
- What do we learn from the calling of these twelve?
- What do we know about the twelve after Jesus ascends to heaven? (Most probably don't much and yet here we are all having been affected by what these individuals did 2000+ years ago)

Reflection Question: What would it look like to be with Jesus today and in the week to come even with the business of the holiday season? Encourage your folks to make practical and concrete steps that they can do in the next few days.

Small Groups: Break into groups of 3-4 to share what practical ways folks can be with Jesus in the next week. Then pray for each other. Encourage groups to support each other in the next week as they seek to apply this passage.

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