

A CALL TO SERVE

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 1:14-15 (NIV)

❖ Come Follow Me... as we USE our GIFTS in service.

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1:16-20 (NIV)

- Simon Peter – A natural leader, confident, bold.
- Andrew, Peter's Brother – A quiet man, reflective, but faithful.
- John – A deep thinker, the one who Jesus loved.
- James – A man of great courage, the brother to John and the other "Son of Thunder."

➤ Key Truth: The Ministry of the Church is to ENLIST and TRAIN servant leaders.
A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

❖ Come Follow Me... as we TEACH God's WORD.

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.

Mark 1:21-22 (NIV)

➤ Key Truth: The Ministry of the Church is to TEACH the WORD of God.
Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV)

❖ Come Follow Me... as we RELEASE those in BONDAGE.

Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴"What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" ²⁵"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. ²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him."

Mark 1:23-27 (NIV)

- Key Truth: The Ministry of the Church is to BREAK the BONDS of sin and death.
And that's the way it was with us before Christ came. We were slaves to the spiritual powers of this world.

Galatians 4:3 (NLT)

- ❖ Come Follow Me... as we HEAL the SICK.

News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. ²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. ³¹So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³²That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Mark 1:28-34 (NIV)

- Key Truth: The Ministry of the Church is to CARE for and MINISTER to the sick.
Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.

James 5:14 (NIV)

- ❖ Come Follow Me... as we PRAY to the FATHER.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

Mark 1:35-39 (NIV)

- Key Truth: The Ministry of the Church is to PRACTICE life-changing PRAYER.
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

- ❖ Come Follow Me... as we MINISTER with COMPASSION.

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." ⁴¹Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴²Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. ⁴³Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴"See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

Mark 1:40-45 (NIV)

➤ Key Truth: The Ministry of the Church is to SHOW the LOVE of Christ.

"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?" ... "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:37;40 (NIV)