

Mark 3:7-21
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SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

If our purpose doesn't direct us, our pressures and preferences will.

PRESSURE

- The crowd wants FROM Jesus.
- The Disciples are being trained to do something FOR Jesus

The demons proclaim His identity while the crowd misses it entirely.

- The demons recognize Him, but can't follow Him.
- The crowds pursue Him, but won't follow Him.

The crowd is moved by pressure – their urgent needs.

The disciples are being called by purpose – to know Jesus and become like Him.

PURPOSE

Purpose is Pursued in Partnership

He appointed twelve – and the Greek word is literally “He made twelve.”

Jesus is not FINDING disciples. He is MAKING them.

Purpose is Prepared in Proximity for Preaching

PREFERENCES

- Disciples respond
- Disciples grow
- Disciples go

52% of practicing Christians say they believe it is their responsibility to share their faith with others.

Over 70% of Christians have not shared their faith with someone in the last 6 months.

Question to Consider:

In what ways have pressure and preferences caused you to lose sight of your purpose in the Kingdom of God?