



Mark: Following Jesus Immediately- Spectators & Servants

Introduction: There is a stark difference between being involved and being committed. There were people who followed Jesus for what he might do for them; some for the show; and some would leave everything to follow him. That call of discipleship hasn't changed much in 2,000 years. Will we follow or will we stay in the crowd?

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been called out of a crowd to become part of a show/performance? Did you know ahead of time? How did it feel to get selected out of a crowd?
2. Read **Mark 3:7-12** What do you think is the primary motivator for much of the crowd? Why does Jesus ask the disciples to have a boat ready? How does Jesus feel about or treat the crowd?
3. In the sermon, there was mention about attraction not being the same as devotion. How is that revealed in the crowd? Why do we sometimes confuse attraction to devotion in life?
4. Read **Matthew 7:15-20** There are a lot of people who claim to be Christian today. How does Jesus say we would be able to identify them? Does that mean that Christians won't sin or fail? If you see bad fruit from someone who claims to be a Jesus follower, what should you do?
5. Read **Mark 3:13-18** Why does it say that Jesus called these 12 to him? What does "being with" and "being sent" look like for Jesus followers today or is that still the call? Which is easier for you, the being with or the being sent?
6. What is the difference between being a believer and being a disciple? Which are we called to be?

Shaping Your Mind – *He appointed twelve^[a] that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach. Mark 3:14*

Moving Forward – "The biggest threat to the church today is fans who call themselves Christians but aren't actually interested in following Christ. They want to be close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires anything from them." – Kyle Idleman