

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Marks of Discipleship: Sent Posture

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Reading: Matthew 17:1-13

Outline:

- I. The Call (v1-4)
 - a. The radical call of Christ is to die to ourselves, live completely for him, and be sent into the world with his gospel.
 - b. God is sending you to share the truth of Jesus with your friends, coworkers, classmates, roommates, and loved ones.
- II. The missionary God (v5-8)
 - a. The Transfiguration records the fact that God broke into our world on mission for us through Jesus Christ.
 - b. When you grasp that God has saved you, it only makes sense to proclaim that message to others, take up your cross and live for the kingdom of God.
- III. The hurting world
 - a. We cannot stay on the mountain of spiritual highs. There's a hurting world out there that our savior has sent us into.
 - b. Everything we can see in our world fades. The only thing that will last is God and his kingdom.

Reflection/Application Questions:

- 1) What are some of the things that mark your life?
- 2) How do you view your calling from God? Is it centered on joining him on mission? What does mission look like in the different parts of your life?
- 3) What spiritual highs have you experienced? What impacts did they have on your life? What made it hard to "come down from the mountain?"
- 4) Have you ever thought of God as a missionary? How does this picture of Jesus change the way you think about him?
- 5) What are some ways you could share Christ's gospel in a broken world? Think of an individual you know who is hurting. How can you show them the love of Jesus?

Suggestions for further reading:

- Matthew 28:16-20
- Acts 1:1-11
- Acts 13:44-52
- Romans 10:1-17