

THE JESUS PRIORITIES – SPREAD THE WORD

Jesus' pattern in spreading the word

- Share the mission
- Invite everyone
- Challenge with love

EVENT	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
<i>Invite Everyone</i>				
"Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."	11:28			
The great banquet	22:1-10		14:15-24	
<i>Share the Mission</i>				
Call of Peter, Andrew, James and John	4:18-22	1:16-20	5:2-11	
Call of Matthew	9:9	2:14	5:27	
Call of two disciples				1:38-39
Call of Philip				1:43
"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness: "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."	3:1-2	1:4	3:2-3	
Among those born of women, there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist.	11:11		7:28a	
Choosing the Twelve "And he called the twelve together...and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal."	10:1-7 (Here the 2 are recorded as 1 event)	3:14-19 6:7a, 12	6:12-16 9:1-2	
After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him..."Whenever you enter a town...say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."			10:8-9	
"For he that is not against us, is for us." ("He who is not with me is against me.")	12:30	9:40	11:23	
"Leave the dead to bury their dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."	8:22		9:60	
The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few: Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.	9:37-38		10:2	
But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you..." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.		5:19-20		
<i>Challenge with Love</i>				
"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."		16:24	8:34	9:23
The Rich Man: "If you would be perfect...come, follow me."	19:16-30	10:17-31	18:18-30	
TOTAL: 18 Events 36 Times				

Reflect on the Gospel: Then Jesus told his disciplines, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24 (see also Mark 8:34, Luke 9:23)

Reflect on Your Priorities: Who have you invited to join God's kingdom? Who will you invite next? What are some ways you could share your mission to be a disciple of Jesus? Who could you tell? What could you write? Who in your life needs to be challenged? How can you confront that person with love and humility?

Prayer: *Abba Father, give me the grace to invite others to your banquet. Help me always to deepen my understanding of the gospel of your Son. Grant me the wisdom to judge myself rightly and to challenge others compassionately. Amen.*

GUIDELINES BASED ON JESUS' MODEL

Be a manifestation of God's love to people ● Invite Everyone ● Don't worry about what people think of you