

## Mark 1:16-20 II Who are we? Going II Taylor Hollingsworth

MAIN POINT: Go and proclaim the good news of great joy in Jesus Christ who loves us and is with us to the end while entrusting the results to God.

#### 1. What is the good news?

"Disciples are not those who simply fill pews at worship, fill out pledge cards, attend an occasional Bible study, and offer to help in the work of the church now and then. They are not merely eavesdroppers and onlookers. When one is hooked by Jesus, one's whole life and purpose in life are transformed." - **David Garland** 

What is the good news? - The good news is the joyful message from God that leads us to salvation.

### 2. Who proclaims the good news?

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. - **Matthew 28:19-20** 

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son... - **Hebrews 1:1-2** 

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word. - John 17:20

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. - **Ephesians 4:11-12** 

• Who proclaims the good news? - All disciples of Jesus are intended to grow and go in the discipline of proclaiming the good news to those who are yet to believe.

### 3. What is the posture of proclaiming the good news?

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord. - 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled. - Mark 5:20

I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. - **John 10:16** 

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. - Matthew 28:18

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. - 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. - Galatians 2:20

• What is the posture of proclaiming the good news? - Disciples should proclaim the good news with humility, joy, confidence, and faith.

# 4. How do we take the good news?

...The church's role is not to run programs. The church should cultivate a culture of evangelism. The members are sent out from the church to do evangelism." - **Mack Stiles** 

• How do we take the good news? - The gathered church focuses on faithfully worshiping God while the individuals fan out to focus on seekers.