

Intimate Encounters

Intimacy with Christ

Mark 3:13-15; John 15:1-17



I challenge us today: _____

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I. Christ _____ relationship (Mark 3:13-15).

1. _____ men.

2. _____ Christ.

II. _____ in Christ (John 15:1-8).

1. Where do you _____?

2. What is your _____?

III. Love _____ (John 15:9-17).

1. _____ the _____.

Questions for more in-depth study
Read through Mark 3:13-15; John 15:1-17

1. How would you contrast faith with fantasy? How does fantasy interrupt faith?
2. What would you say is the scoreboard for the church?
3. Look at the main challenge. Read Revelation 3:14-22. How do we combat today the complacency of the Laodicean church?
4. Look at main point 1. Read again Mark 3:13-15. What is Christ's desire as he chooses these 12 men? How does that speak to you in your situation today?
5. Why does Christ seek weak men? What are the characteristics of weak men? Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.
6. Look at main point 2. Read Isaiah 5:1-7; 27:2-6; Jer 2:21; Ez 15; 19:10-14; Hosea 10:1; Ps 80:9-16. Describe how the vineyard is described in the OT and how Christ is the contrast.
7. Examine the two questions. How would you answer them?
8. Look at main point 3. Why is it so difficult to live up to this command? What hinders us from making this a priority? How are you making this a priority today?
9. Before we engage in any kind of ministry or effort to speak about Christ, what has to become the first thing we do as a church?