

Water of Life Community Church  
LIFE OF A JESUS FOLLOWER  
WEEK TWO: ABIDE—I'M IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

MARK 3:13-14

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## ICE BREAKER

## PRAYER

## WORSHIP

## INTRODUCTION

A love relationship with the Father is the primary relationship in the life of a Jesus follower. In sessions 2 and 3, we'll be taking a closer look at our relationship with the Father. We'll begin where Jesus began—with an invitation to know God through a relationship with Him. Following Jesus is an invitation to pursue a relationship with God.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. WATCH THE VIDEO, "SESSION 2: ABIDE—I'M IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD".

2. READ MARK 3:13-14.

a. How does knowing that Jesus summons (or invites you) to follow Him change the way you think about your relationship with Him?

Jesus doesn't choose disciples by accident. He didn't haphazardly invite the first people he came across. Luke 6:12-19 tells us that Jesus devoted time to prayer before He summoned the disciples to Himself. The word "summoned" means to call or to invite. Jesus extends all His disciples a personal invitation to enjoy a relationship with God.

b. According to verse 14, why did Jesus invite us to follow Him? Why would Mark include that detail?

Jesus invited the disciples because He loved them. Jesus calls us to "be with Him. God wants to be in a relationship with you more than you want to be in a relationship with Him. All you need to do is accept the invitation Jesus offers. Once you accept the invitation, the primary calling on your life isn't to do something for Jesus. The primary call on your life is to be with Jesus.

c. Would you say you know Jesus in the way Vance described in this session?

d. When have you made your relationship with Jesus more about doing things for Him rather than being with Him?

The overall goal of your whole life becomes to know God. Your daily goal is simply to spend time with Him. As you spend time with God, you grow in intimacy with Him, and that growing intimacy with the Father spills out into every other area of life. However, we allow numerous barriers—schedules, appointments, apathy, laziness, busyness, or other excuses—to keep us from spending time with God. If spending time with God is the daily goal of our lives, we must make time for it.

e. If the objective of the Christian life is to know God and spend time with Him, why do we find it hard to carve out daily time with God?

f. What barriers in your schedule keep you from spending time alone with God? How could you overcome those barriers?

g. If you've already developed the habit of regularly spending time alone with God, share how that relationship with Jesus has overflowed into other areas of your life.

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## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

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## MEMORY VERSE

Mark 3:14 New Century Version (NCV)

"Jesus chose twelve and called them apostles. He wanted them to be with him, and he wanted to send them out to preach."

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## NOTES