

Newington '25 – 'A Year in the Gospels' together #8 (Jan. 20-Jan. 25)

Jan. 20-25/ Day 1: Read John 4:46-54: In this story, an important man who is driven to desperation by a crisis.

Q. Why do you think people look to God when crises strike them or someone close to them?

Q. How can we as followers of Jesus help those in crises experience God's peace even in the midst of their struggles?

Jan. 20-25/Day 2: Read Luke 4:16-30: Here, Jesus uses the words of the Prophet Isaiah to help define his mission.

Q. Looking at the referenced OT passage; how does each section speak to you about the life, ministry & mission of Jesus?

The Words of Truth spoken by Isaiah speak not only to Jesus's mission, but also help define the church's purposes.

Q. What does this passage have to say about where our focus and priority as Christ-followers should be?

Jan. 20-25/Day 3: Read Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20: Disciple-Making is defined as a life-long process of following Jesus, becoming more like Him and leading others to do likewise. It begins though by following Jesus!

Q. Why do you think Peter, Andrew, James and John were so willing to drop everything and follow Jesus?

Q. What nets do you need to walk away from in order to consistently follow Him?

Q. What do you need to change, if anything, about your understanding of discipleship?

Jan. 20--25/Day 4: Read Mark 1:21-28: Even when they didn't know Jesus or understand His authority, they were still amazed by Him.

Q. What amazes you about Jesus? How can you retain that spirit of amazement in and of Him?

Q. We live lives of constant struggle with, for and in relation to "authority". Thinking about what you know about Him, how does Jesus' authority and His use of authority encourage you? How does it challenge you?

Jan. 20-25/Day 5: Read Luke 4:31-37:

Q. When was the last time your amazement about Jesus drove you to share w/ others about your experiences with Him?

Q. What can you do to help recapture that amazement and become regular witnesses to God's mercies, power and love?

Jan. 20-25/Day 6: Study and Meditation on God's Word: We are each called to a specific mission in Jesus!

Q. What benefits come from being on mission?

Q. What challenges do we face when we elect to go our own way?

Q. Where do you struggle most in the life-cycle of discipleship (following, becoming, sharing)?