

Newington '25 – 'A Year in the Gospels' together #19 (April 7 - 12)

April 7 - 12/ Day 1: Read Matthew 9:27-34: There are multiple types of responses to Christ in the Gospels.

Q. What type of responses do you see in this passage?

Q. What is your daily response to Christ and his work in your life? Is it most like the blind men, the crowds, or the Pharisees and why.

Q. How might God be working in you to deepen your commitment to Christ and/or to give you opportunities to help others deepen their commitment?

April 7 - 12/ Day 2: Read Matthew 13:53-58; Mark 6:1-6:

Q. Why do you believe that the people in Jesus's hometown had such a hard time seeing Him for who He truly was?

Q. In what ways can, or do you; allow your familiarity with Jesus, blind you to the truth about Him and His ways?

Q. How can our struggles with our own faith impact on the ministry we are called to in our own lives?

April 7 - 12/ Day 3: Read Matthew 9:35-38:

Q. When you look at the crowds around you, what is your response? How do you view those far from Jesus?

Q. What steps can you take to allow the Spirit to transform your view of the lost to align better with Jesus's vision?

April 7 - 12/ Day 4: Read Matthew 10:1-15: The commissioning of the Apostles directly flows from Jesus' compassionate statement of the great need for workers in the fields at the end of Matthew 9.

Q. How does the commissioned work of the Apostles demonstrate that compassion?

Q. Do you feel the call to go and proclaim the Kingdom? If yes, where and how are you pursuing that calling?

April 7 - 12/ Day 5: Read Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6:

Q. Do you think the twelve felt that they were adequately equipped to carry out the mission Jesus gave them?

Q. What requirements did Jesus put on the Apostles in preparation for their mission?

Q. How can this passage help us in preparation for the ministry today?

April 7 - 12/ Day 6: Study and Meditation – Consider the following questions: Jesus ministered and commissioned others to minister to the lost out of compassion.

Q. When God calls you to mission, are you prepared to go? What motivates your ministry? What holds you back?

Q. How can you seek to move past these barriers to respond to His call?