

2. What did the disciples do according to Mark 6:12-13? How might that be lived out by us in our time? Be specific.

3. What would it look like to apply Hebrews 12:1 to your life?

4. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to *know* and what you need to *do* in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

IN YOUR GROUP

In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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TODAY'S MESSAGE FOCUS

TODAY: FOCUS • MARK 6:7-16, 30

THE BOTTOM LINE

YOU ARE THE (WO)_____
THIS IS YOUR _____

from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do. – 1 Chronicles 12:32a NIV

RECOGNIZING THE _____ & THE _____

We tend to think of Jesus and his work from an eternal perspective, which is good and proper. But there was also a temporal, geopolitical context to his message as well: a major epoch of history for his people was coming to a close with the impending destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark's Gospel is focused on showing us who Jesus is through his actions. Jesus' message was also warning people of the impending temporal judgement about to be inflicted by the Romans, while he prepared them for the eternal redemption he would soon secure through the cross.

This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.
– Mark 1:1a NLT

"Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me."
– Malachi 3:1 NLT

"Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way."
– Mark 1:2 NLT

Then the Lord you are seeking will suddenly come to his Temple. – Malachi 3:1 NLT Now return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. – Malachi 3:7b NLT “Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives. – Malachi 4:5 NLT	At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. – Mark 1:9 NLT Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!” – Mark 1:15 NLT They treated this Elijah like dirt, much like they will treat the Son of Man, who will, according to Scripture, suffer terribly and be kicked around contemptibly.” – Mark 10:12-13 NLT
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As a result, you will be held responsible for the murder of all godly people of all time—from the murder of righteous Abel to the murder of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you killed in the Temple between the sanctuary and the altar. I tell you the truth, this judgment will fall on this very generation.
– Matthew 23:36 NLT

Abel & Zechariah ben Berekiah are the first and last murders recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures.

STAY FOCUSED ON YOUR MISSION FOR YOUR HOUR:

DON'T GET _____ DOWN

He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick—no food, no traveler’s bag, no money. He allowed them to wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes.
– Mark 6:8-9 NLT

The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. – Mark 4:18-19 NLT

DON'T GET TOO _____

“Wherever you go,” he said, “stay in the same house until you leave town. – Mark 6:10 NLT

This is likely an admonition not to move around to more comfortable lodgings. In this view Jesus was advising his disciples to take the first place offered, and stay there until they left so that their focus would be not on their accommodations but on their mission. In Matthew’s Gospel we get Jesus’ more detailed mission instructions: “ Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons.” (Matthew 10:7-8a NLT) That was to be their focus.

DON'T GET _____

But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate.” – Mark 6:11 NLT

So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. – Mark 6:12 NLT

The disciples’ authority was Jesus’s authority. (See Mark 6:7.) Their Bottom Line and Challenge was Jesus’s as well. (Compare Mark 1:15 and Mark 6:12.)

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And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil. – Mark 6:13 NLT

In the disciples’ two-by-two ministry tour the teaching and healing pattern of Jesus’ ministry is duplicated in them.

THE CHALLENGE

...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, – Hebrews 12:1 NIV

The line about every decision, every episode of your life eventually being a story you tell, and the resulting question, “What story do you want to tell?” is one of the many great lines I’ve borrowed from Andy Stanley (NorthPoint.org). – Brian // When we’re sitting around the table with the apostles and Jesus himself, what story do you want to tell about this period of your life?

The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. – Mark 6:30 NLT

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.
 TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the questions highlighted in **bold**.

- 1. Where have you seen someone get weighed down or distracted in a way that keeps them from something important?**