

Mark’s Gospel—Jesus’ True Identity Reveals the Magnitude of His Sacrifice

10:30 Morning Worship Service:

Mark 3:13-19

God’s Love for His People

Jesus Calls Whom He Desires and He Desires Whom He Calls.

- 1. Jesus Calls Twelve Disciples (13).**

- 2. He Calls Them to Be in Relationship with Him (14-19).**

- 3. We Are Also Called into Relationship with Jesus.**

Conclusion: In describing Jesus’ choice of disciples, Mark gives us a list of their names, but he also gives us much more. He describes why Jesus chose them. So they might be with Him. Everything else flows from this—relationship. His calling reflected His love, what the Bible describes as God delighting in them and us. Has this love changed you? Let us delight in His great love for us so that we can love others too.

Zephaniah 3:16-17

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.
The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

Isaiah 62:5; 65:17-19

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your *God rejoice over you.*
“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

Jeremiah 32:38-41

And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. *I will rejoice in doing them good*, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, *with all my heart and all my soul.*

John 17:20-26

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and *loved them even as you loved me.* Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”