



Is There One More? Tim Ross

Focus John Mark was a disciple who was taught by another disciple, Peter. Jesus knew it would take more than just the original twelve disciples to change the world; He extended the invitation beyond the twelve to all of us. Jesus is asking each of us to turn from our selfish ways, take up our cross, and follow Him.

Fun If you could become an expert on any subject, what would it be and why?

Review Key Scriptures: Mark 8:34–35

1. Turn from your selfish ways.

We are disciples of Jesus because we have been taught by other disciples.

Peter was a disciple who spent time with Jesus and later discipled John Mark.

Peter had a revelation that Jesus was the Christ but was rebuked by Jesus shortly after because of a selfish belief. We all have selfish ways, and Jesus tells us we need to give them up.

2. Take up your cross.

Jesus spoke to His disciples, but He also spoke to the crowd because He knew it would take more than twelve people to change the world. Before dying on the cross, Jesus gave the crowd an invitation to take up their crosses. Jesus took up His cross literally, and He calls us to pick up our crosses figuratively. Taking up the cross looks different for each person, and God calls every person to take up their cross, no matter what that looks like.

3. Follow Jesus.

The final call Jesus gives is to follow Him. We must fully trust Him if we are going to follow Him. Wherever He leads us, our job is to follow. There are people who have given their lives to Jesus and have been born again, but they

don't always follow Jesus where He leads them. God is looking for people who will be bold and decide to follow Jesus no matter what.

Group Dynamics Idea With Father's Day coming up, consider having a barbecue to celebrate the amazing fathers and father figures in your group. Invite family and friends and encourage group members to sign up to bring food or drinks. You could even meet at a local park so kids will have room to run and play. Most of all, have fun!

Discuss

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word "disciple"?
2. Do you think the idea of being a disciple is relevant for today or just in the Bible? Why or why not?
3. What do you think a modern-day disciple of Jesus looks and sounds like?
4. What does it look like for you to have disciples and to be disciplined?
5. Who are the people who have disciplined you in your faith and how did they impact your life?
6. What thoughts come to mind when you think about discipling others?
7. Take time to pray. Ask God to show you one person He wants you to disciple. Commit this person to the Lord, and ask God how you should begin discipling this person.
8. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Turn from your selfish ways.
- Take up your cross.
- Follow Jesus.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for leading and guiding us always. Thank You that we can commit our ways to You, and You will direct our paths. Show us the people You want us to disciple, and help us to continue to be disciplined through Your Word and a healthy connection with the body of Christ. We bless Your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip You may have faced unique challenges this last semester. Be encouraged that your work is as unto the Lord, and He sees all you have done to love and

help others. Rest is a biblical principle. Plan a rest weekend or a mini retreat where you can have extended time to rest, pray, and recharge. Rest means different things to everyone, but ask this question, "What does resting and refreshing look like for me?" and then do those things.