

Values Matter Discovery Starters

We Are Visionary

2. MAKE GOD KNOWN

YWAM is called to make God known throughout the whole world, and into every arena of society through evangelism, training and mercy ministries. We believe that salvation of souls should result in transformation of societies thus obeying Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations.

[1Ch 16:24-27](#); [Psa 68:11](#); [Psa 71:15-16](#); [Psa 145:4-7](#); [Mat 28:18-20](#);
[Mar 16:15](#); [Act 1:8](#); [Act 13:1-4a](#); [Rom 10:8-15](#); [Rom 15:18-21](#)

Value #2 – Make God Known: Come and Go

Biblical Foundation:

And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone" (Mar 16:15).

Discovery Starter:

According to Mark, Jesus' first words to his would-be disciples included a proclamation, three commands and a promise. The proclamation is: "The Kingdom of God is near!" The three commands are: "repent... believe... come" (Mar 1:15,17). He then promises transformation. He says, if you do these things, then he "will make you become fishers of men" (Mar 1:17 NASB). At the time of their encounter with Jesus, Simon and Andrew were not fishers of men. Jesus promised that if they followed him he would make them into something they were not. Jesus is in the transformation business. His gospel promise was different from what we often hear today. He did not promise health and wealth. He did however promise to those who came that they would be disciplined, molded, shaped, changed, made different, so that they could participate with him in his kingdom purposes. He promised that he'd turn them into his partner in spreading the good news of the kingdom.

Mark tells us that Jesus' last words to his disciples also included a proclamation, commands and promises. He proclaims that "anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved." For that reason he commanded them to "go" and "preach." He promises miraculous signs will accompany those who obey these commands (Mar 16:15-18).

Jesus' opening and closing commands are: repent, believe, come, go, preach. These themes are underscored when Mark states the reasons behind Jesus' choice of the original twelve disciples: he says "he appointed twelve ... to be with him" – it was first of all an invitation to friendship, an invitation to live life with him day in and day out. Amazing, but there was more! Mark goes on to explain the second reason for discipleship: "and to be sent out to proclaim the message" (Mar 3:14). Having been invited into relationship with God we – like them – are to go out in his name to invite others into that same relationship. The purpose of discipleship can thus be summed up by these two words: come and go! Come, having repented and believed. Go, so that others may hear that they too are being called into fellowship with God.

Keep Going:

You may want to consider these passages in which Jesus commands his listeners to "come" –

- Mat 4:19; 11:28; 22:4; 25:34;
- Mar 1:17; 6:31;
- Joh 21:12.

Here are some passages in which he tells them to "go" –

- Mat 9:13; 10:6,7; 11:4; 22:9;
- Mar 16:15;
- Luk 7:22; 10:37; 13:31;
- Joh 8:11; 20:17.

As you ponder on these passages, how can you come closer to him today? And to whom can you go today, inviting them to accept Christ's call to repent and believe and walk with him from this day forward? Keep coming and keep going!

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