

Values Matter Discovery Starters

We Are Visionary

5. BE VISIONARY

YWAM is called to be visionary, continually receiving, nurturing and releasing fresh vision from God. We support the pioneering of new ministries and methods, always willing to be radical in order to be relevant to every generation, people group, and sphere of society. We believe that the apostolic call of YWAM requires the integration of spiritual eldership, freedom in the Spirit and relationship, centered on the Word of God.

[Num 12:6](#); [1Sa 12:16](#); [Pro 29:18](#); [Eze 1:1](#); [Hab 2:2-3](#);
[Mar 1:35-39](#); [Luk 9:1-6](#); [Act 16:9-10](#); [Act 26:19](#); [2Pe 3:9-13](#)

Value #5 – Be Visionary: The Purpose of Jesus' Advent

Biblical Foundation:

Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. Later Simon and the others went out to find him. When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you." But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came." So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons. (Mar 1:35-39)

Discovery Starter:

According to Mark's account, this passage describes Jesus' second full day of public ministry. The gospel begins with Jesus' baptism (Mar 1:1-8), temptation (Mar 1:9-13), early gospel proclamation and selection of disciples (Mar 1:14-20). On the Sabbath it really took off in Capernaum: demons were cast out, many sick were healed, and "amazement gripped the audience" (Mar 1:21-34). Up to then Jesus had been a "nobody," but now he was the buzz of the town! How exciting for those early disciples! They had attached their wagon to the right horse, and now were thrust into the limelight! Who could have imagined such a thing?

They must have fallen into bed exhausted that night. When they awoke the next morning, the crowds were already gathering around the door. What might this day bring? What amazing stuff would Jesus do now? The crowds were crying out for Jesus. The disciples went to look for him, but he was not in bed. They searched the whole house, but he was no where to be found. Panic began to set in. The crowd was getting restless, but without Jesus what could they do? The search became frantic. Where

could he be? Had anyone seen him leave? They looked further afield and finally – there he was! Alone. Praying. They must have reported to him the crowd's gathering excitement. They would be able to build on yesterday's success. Imagine what might happen today? It was going to be great!

Then he shocked them. He informed them that the "Capernaum Campaign" was over! They were to pack their bags and get ready to travel. Just when it looked so promising here! He said he wanted to preach to those who had not yet heard, because – in his words – "That is why I came." What a clear sense of mission. His vision was not swayed by the crowd's reaction. He had been given a mandate from heaven and he was determined to fulfill it. He had heard. He would obey. And he would not give up. Together with his disciples he would go to the least, the last and the lost! And he's still doing the same today.

Keep Going:

Time and again, the New Testament writers carefully detail in various ways the purpose of Jesus' advent. Consider these passages which tell us why Jesus came to earth:

- Mat 1:21; 5:17-18; 9:13; 10:34-38; 18:10-11; 20:26-28;
- Mar 1:23-24,38; 2:17; 10:45;
- Luk 1:68-75; 2:30-35; 4:18-19,34,43; 5:32; 9:51-56; 12:49-52;
- Joh 3:14-17; 6:38-40; 9:39; 12:27,47-48; 14:2-3; 18:37;
- Act 3:26; 5:31; 26:22-23;
- Rom 3:22-26; 4:23-25; 8:3-4; 14:9; 15:8-9;
- 1Co 15:3-5;
- 2Co 5:14-15,21; 8:9;
- Gal 3:13-14; 4:4-5;
- Eph 2:14-16; 5:25-27;
- Php 2:5-11;
- Col 1:17-23;
- 1Th 5:9-10;
- 1Ti 1:15;
- Heb 2:9,14-18; 7:23-25; 9:13-15;
- 1Jo 3:5,8; 4:10; 5:20;
- 1Pe 1:3-5,18-21; 2:21-24; 3:18-22;
- Jud 14-15;
- Rev 1:4-6; 5:5,9-10.

As you consider these passages, meditate on how you can participate with Jesus in seeing his vision fulfilled.