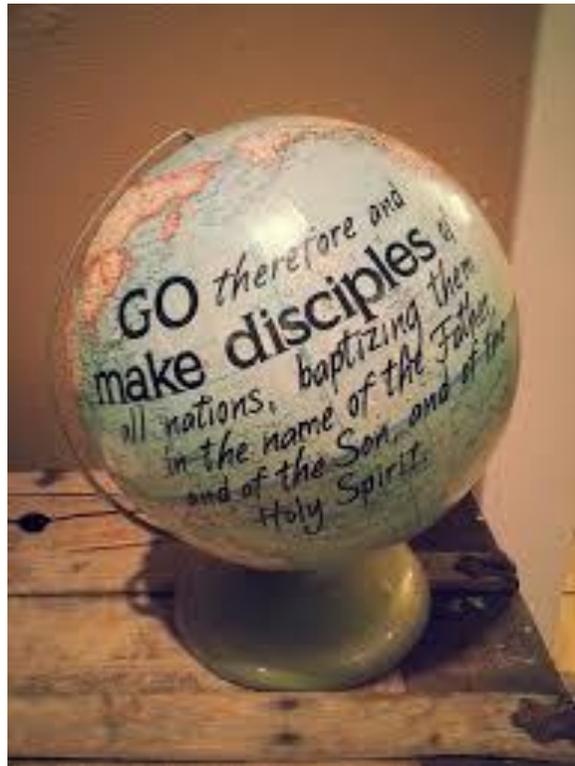


# Minster Bethel Congregational Church (MBCC)

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9/05/2021 — Discipleship – May Church Parade

## Sending out the Message



Next week is our fortnightly zoom  
"Church & Chat"

A short church reflection with a hymn, reading, (children's activity), prayer, "thought for the week" and then a time to chat. If you need help to join please ask any deacon

Join us next week at 10 am:

Topic: Church and Chat

Time: This is a recurring meeting

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75124173520?pwd=QVB4WUx6QXg3Y3hQc1NQYkxINmozZz09>

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Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
**Matthew 28:19**

**Good morning and welcome to our May church parade service.**

Our hymn for today “It only takes a spark”

[Pass It On - Brad G Kids Worship - YouTube](#)

It only takes a spark, to get a fire going  
And soon all those around, can warm up in glowing  
That’s how it is with God’s love  
Once you’ve experienced it  
You spread his love to everyone;  
You want to pass it on

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming  
That’s how it is with God’s love  
Once you’ve experienced it  
You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring  
You want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I have found  
You can depend on him, it matters not where you are bound  
I’ll shout it from the mountain top  
I want the world to know, the Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on



**The reading today is Mark 6 7-13 (taken from The Message)**

**7-8** Jesus called the Twelve to him, and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority and power to deal with the evil opposition. He sent them off with these instructions:

**8-9** “Don’t think you need a lot of extra equipment for this. *You* are the equipment. No special appeals for funds. Keep it simple.

**10** “And no luxury inns. Get a modest place and be content there until you leave.

**11** “If you’re not welcomed, not listened to, quietly withdraw. Don’t make a scene. Shrug your shoulders and be on your way.”

**12-13** Then they were on the road. They preached with joyful urgency that life can be radically different; right and left they sent the demons packing; they brought wellness to the sick, anointing their bodies, healing their spirits.

## Sending a message

At our last church parade, we talked about the greatest gift we can give is love. Today we are thinking about how we can share God's love.

Jesus called together disciples so that the love of God could be shared. Do you know what disciple means? It means "follower."

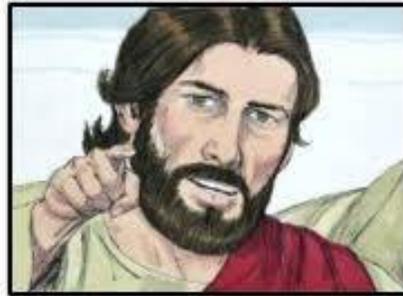
Do you know how many disciples there are? Most people say 12.

Can you name the 12 disciples that followed Jesus when He was on earth?

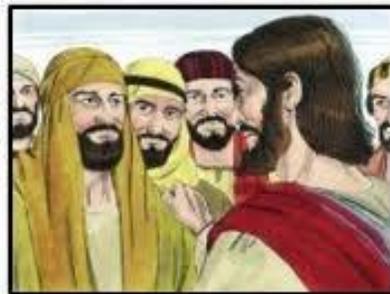
# Disciples of Jesus

- 1. Peter
- 2. Andrew
- 3. James
- 4. John
- 5. Philip
- 6. Bartholomew
- 7. Matthew
- 8. Thomas
- 9. James
- 10. Simon
- 11. Thaddeus
- 12. Judas Iscariot

Luke 6:12-16



Disciple means  
follower



Jesus didn't want His disciples to just follow Him, He wanted them to share the message of God's love. So, He sent the 12 disciples out to find more followers who would continue to spread the message of His love. A little like the song we sang. It only takes a small spark to start a great fire.

I wonder how we can be like that spark and spread a message like the first disciples.



Have you ever read a story or seen a movie about someone putting a message inside of a bottle and putting it in the ocean? Perhaps it was someone who has been stranded on an island in the middle of the ocean and put a message in a bottle hoping that someone would find it and come to rescue him. Maybe it was someone who just wanted to see where the wind and the waves might take the message.

There is a true story about a man named Harold Meyers who went on a cruise in the Caribbean. While on the ship, he took three bottles and placed a message with his name and address and a dollar inside each bottle. The dollar was to pay the postage so that the person who found the message would write to him and tell him where they found it. Next, he put a cork in the bottles, sealed them with wax, and threw them over the side of the ship into the ocean. His friends all teased him saying that he was just throwing good money into the ocean.

Of those three bottles he threw into the ocean, two were found and he received a reply from the people who found them. Two out of three! That's amazing!

"To tell you the truth," Mr. Meyers said, "I was shocked. I guess I really never expected to hear from anybody at all."

I was thinking we could all write a message and put it in a bottle, why not do that now and then you can share your message with us, keep it short and remember to tell the person who is going to receive it about Jesus' love. I will write "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

What have you written? We could now put those messages in bottles and send them off in the sea. Then the good news of Jesus would float all around the world.

Does that sound like a good plan to you? Well, to tell the truth, I think that sounds like a pretty silly plan. I don't think that would get the message of God's love to very many people. What would be a good way to get the good news of God's love to people all around the world? Jesus told his disciples how he wanted it done, and the plan is still just as good today as it was then.

Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Jesus wants us to tell or show everyone we meet about his love for them and share with them what He has taught us in the Bible. He didn't say, "Send a message in a bottle," he said, "Go and make disciples"



## Lets sing the Chorus “I will make you fishers of men”

[I Will Make You Fishers of Men - Wonder Kids - YouTube](#)



### **Today's Pray:**

Dear God, help us to obey the command that you gave us to go and make disciples. Help us to show your love to others and bring people to learn of your love.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# Jesus Chooses Twelve Disciples

Luke 6:12-16    Mark 6:7-13

Crowds followed Jesus from town to town as he taught and healed the people. One day Jesus chose twelve of these followers to be his special helpers.

Find the answers to questions 1 and 2 in the puzzle below. To find the answer to question 1, begin at the top arrow and write down each letter you come to. Then begin at the bottom arrow to find the answer to question 2.

1. What did Jesus do before he chose the 12?

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*To think about:*

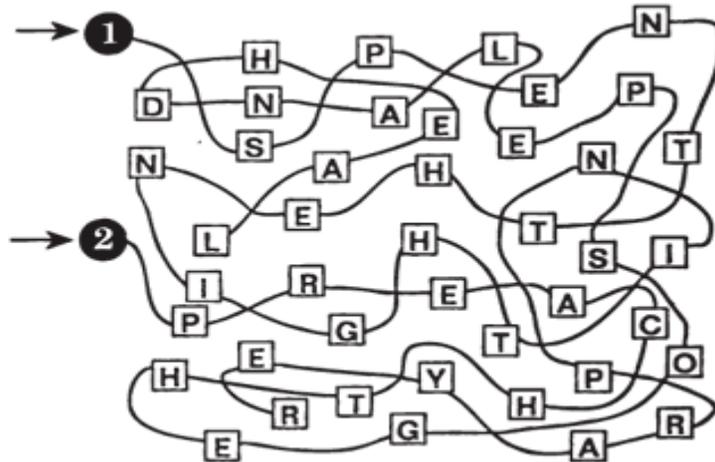
What should you do before you make an important decision?

2. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?

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*To think about:*

What special work has Jesus called you to do?



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