



welcome home

The background of the slide is a photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and purple, with the sun low on the horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sky. In the foreground, there is a dark, rocky shoreline.

The Elements of Discipleship, Mark 3.13-15

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Mark 3.13-15

¹³And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him.

¹⁴And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵and have authority to cast out demons.

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Jesus calls

Right now you've either been called by Jesus or you're being called by Him.

- In those days disciples applied to rabbis.
- If you've been called by Jesus it's because He desires/wants you.
- Respond in the same way as the disciples in the text: Come to Him.

Discipleship?

'Discipleship is deciding to be with a teacher under specific conditions in order to become like him.' – Corne Bekker

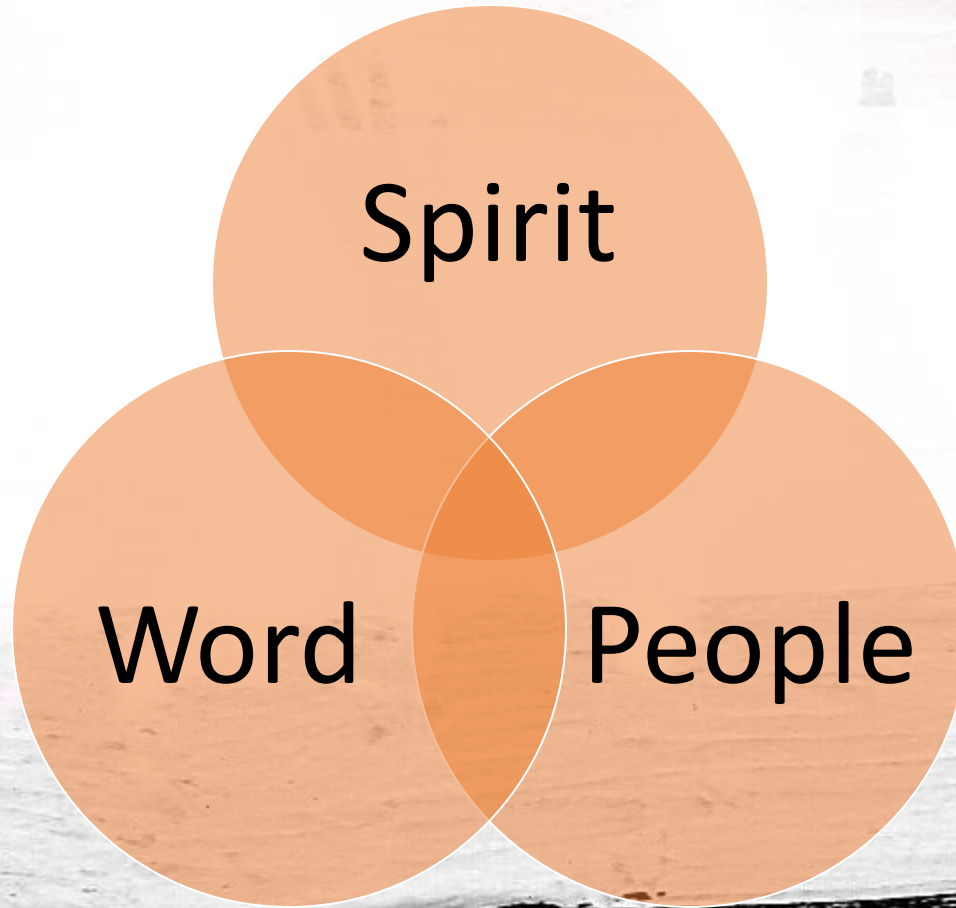
Discipleship?



Discipleship now



Jesus appoints

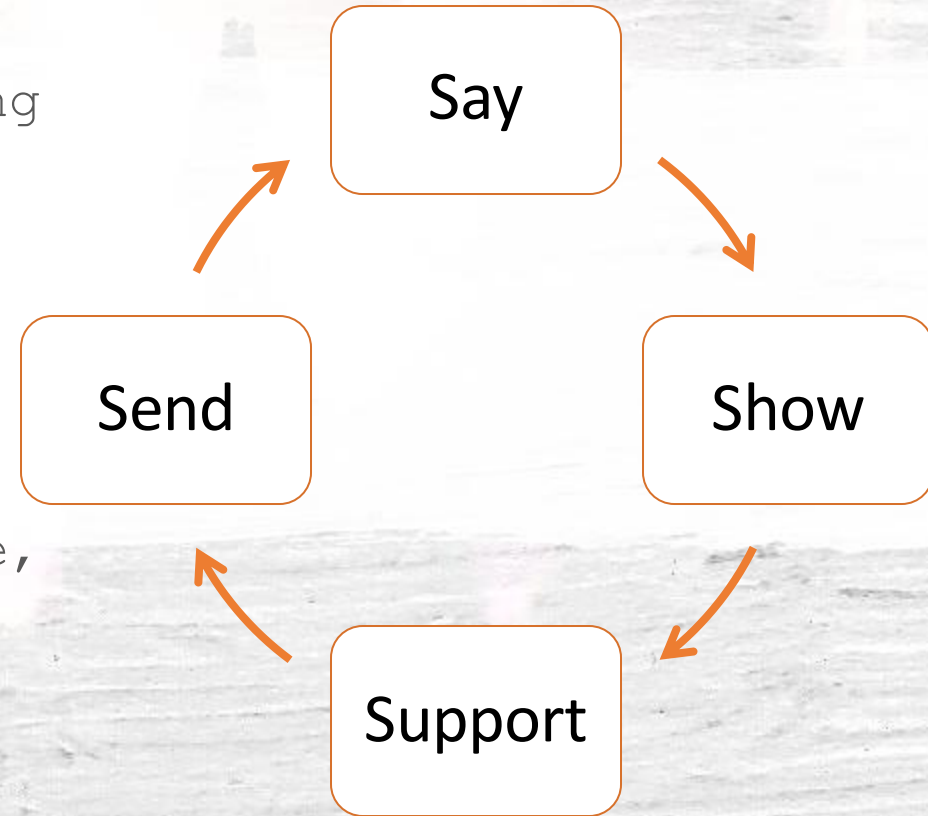


Jesus sends

While the disciples were being with Jesus, He trained them:

The proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel.

Preaching is proclamation by a herald or representative, e.g. Gaius Popillius Laenas



The Authority of the Ambassador

In 168 BC, Antiochus led a second attack on Egypt and also sent a fleet to capture [Cyprus](#). Before reaching Alexandria, his path was blocked by a single old Roman ambassador named [Gaius Popillius Laenas](#) who delivered a message from the Roman Senate directing Antiochus to withdraw his armies from Egypt and Cyprus, or consider himself in a state of war with the Roman Republic. Antiochus said that he would discuss it with his council, whereupon the Roman envoy drew a line in the sand around Antiochus and said: "Before you cross this circle, I want you to give me a reply for the Roman Senate." This implied that Rome would declare war if the King stepped out of the circle without committing to leave Egypt immediately. Weighing his options, Antiochus decided to withdraw. Only then did Popillius agree to shake hands with him. - Wikipedia

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conclusion

The only ways we can experience the presence of Jesus this side of the ascension is through the Word, the Spirit, and people.

Discipleship happens when people come together under the Word and the Spirit.

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