

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Subject: RE

Topic: Discipleship

Year: 6

Summer 2

What should I already know?

- Mark's community were being persecuted. He has the shortest Gospel: Their existence there was difficult; the Roman Emperor Nero hated Christians and persecuted them, killing many.
- To recall the story of the Exodus and Moses leading the 12 tribes of Israel out of Egypt.
- Name the 12 disciples of Jesus

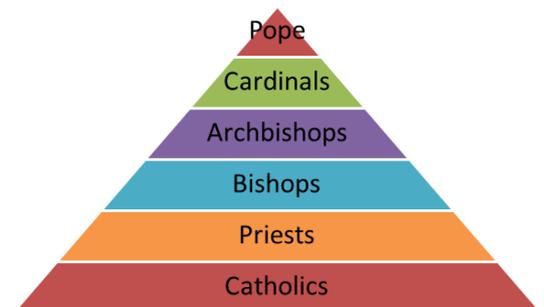


What we will be learning about:

- Retell Mark's account of the calling of the disciples: Simon, Andrew, James John and Levi. These People were all doing their ordinary jobs and Jesus comes up to them and says "follow me" and immediately they leave what they are doing and they go and follow Jesus. They are followers of Jesus.
- The notion of being a follower, does not necessarily mean to physical follower. They are expected to follow his way of life; a set of principles, a set of behaviors.
- Remember when we did the story of Exodus, Moses led the 12 tribes of Israel to their land. By the time Jesus was born, there were only two tribes left. The Jews believed that whoever the Messiah was would be the person who restored the 12 tribes of Israel. It is believed that the 12 disciples that formed are symbol of the restoration of the 12 tribes of Israel. Mark refers to these disciples as 'The Twelve'.
- Levi, the tax collector, was called by Jesus which was unusual as tax collectors were not appreciated or liked by the Jewish people as they were Jews who worked for the Romans (the oppressors) as well as this they profited from the Jews and this money was used to keep the Jews oppressed. They were consider some of the worst sinners for their stealing and working for the enemy. Jesus calls a sinner to follow him, which he was criticized for. This shows us that anyone is allegeable to become a disciple.
- The two unnamed women showed selflessness. One lady was described as a poor widow who was at the temple, she was putting money into the urns, she only has two coins (everything she has got!) There were lots of other women were putting lots of money in but she was commended by Jesus because she gave everything she had. She was vulnerable because she was poor and a widow, her selfless giving was an act of supreme love.
- A second unnamed woman comes in with a jar of ointment, she opens it and pours it on Jesus head. It was so expensive and people were shocked and angry that she was using it. Jesus says "leave her alone, why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me". By anointing his head, she is proclaiming that he is the chosen one; Jews would have recognised this act, Kings are always anointed in Jewish tradition. As we from the story of the resurrection, Jesus did not get anointed as the women made their way to the tomb as Jesus had already risen. Fortunately the unnamed woman had already anointed him with her expensive jar of anointment, was she proclaiming him a King before he had even resurrected?
- The people who follower Jesus always appear to leave something behind, sometimes we have to sacrifice things when we decide to follow something. Being a follower means taking something new up and it leaving something behind.
- Jesus was asking women to give selflessly and to serve which naturally women did commonly in those times.
- Jesus said, 'Come and follow me, I will make you fishers of people.' What does it mean to be a fisher of men? What would we tell people about Jesus that would be our bait to encourage people to come and be followers of Jesus?

Discipleship Now!

- To describe, explain and find connections between Mark's account of the calling of the disciples and the disciples in the local Church, now
- How has discipleship changed over time?
- Name the roles of people serving in Church now; these people make up the body of the Church.



Vocabulary

- **Disciple:** A disciple is a student or learner
- **Rabi:** is a teacher, he would teach in the synagogue and the disciples would gather around the rabbi seated on the floor, ready to learn.
- **Tax collector:** tax collectors were not appreciated or liked by the Jewish people as they were Jews who worked for the Romans (the oppressors) as well as this they profited from the Jews and this money was used to keep the Jews oppressed.
- **Persecution:** hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of race or political or religious beliefs
- **Commitment:** being dedicated and devoted to something.

