

LESSON NO. 16

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Biblical Basis: Matthew 9:9-13
Text to memorize: Matthew 9:9

PURPOSE

To guide new members to prepare for Jesus' call to engage them in serving and becoming Christlike disciples.

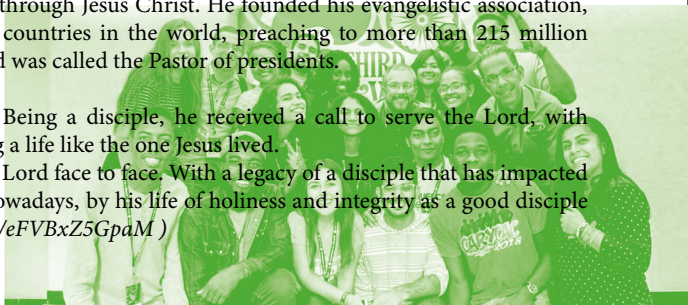
REAL LIFE STORY

Billy Graham was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA in 1918. In a Christian home with well-established moral principles. When he was 16, he received Jesus as his savior, he loved baseball and hated going to church, in a church they did not accept him because he was considered very worldly, but he had something that was really powerful to serve God; a captivating voice.

At age 20 he received the call to preach and serve the Lord. In 1939 he was ordained as a Baptist Pastor in the United States. He was not an intelligent or brilliant man, but he always cultivated in his life integrity, desire, and passion to preach the simplest message of the gospel, to preach salvation through Jesus Christ. He founded his evangelistic association, traveled to more than 185 countries in the world, preaching to more than 215 million people, wrote 32 books, and was called the Pastor of presidents.

How did the story begin? Being a disciple, he received a call to serve the Lord, with kingdom values and leading a life like the one Jesus lived.

At 99 Billy Graham met his Lord face to face. With a legacy of a disciple that has impacted and continues impacting nowadays, by his life of holiness and integrity as a good disciple of Christ. (<https://youtu.be/eFVBxZ5GpaM>)



WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE SAY?

In the time of Jesus, the publicans were hated and despised for being tax collectors, for extorting their own people without scruples and being in the service of the Romans. As today happens with thieves, drug dealers, and capitalists who oppress workers for better profits.

With that in mind, Jesus and His disciples approach, Matthew is ready for conflict and to defend himself from criticism, however, he meets the loving gaze of the teacher who stops in front of him and says follow me.

If we asked Matthew how he felt when Jesus called him, what do you think he would say to you?

Matthew knew that he was doing a bad job, but he had the freedom to decide to follow Jesus or not. As in the Billy Graham story, God called Matthew to follow Him.

In your words, what are the implications of following Jesus?

What do you think God is calling you to?

For whom do you think what the call is? For the good or the bad?

According to verse 10, why did they criticize Jesus?

“As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him.”

- Matthew 9:9



WHAT IS CALLING?

The call to ministry is something very special.

Throughout history as in this passage God continues to call men and women to ministry, He calls them to be teachers, Pastors, or to preach the gospel as missionaries and evangelists. In each generation God is looking for people, like you, to prepare and commission them to preach His word and extend His kingdom. Personally, it is my passion to discover, train, and empower the new generations so that they can be leaders who carry out the work of God.

Acknowledging the call to ministry is having a passion for Jesus and proclaiming what He has done in your own life, but also a burning desire to study His word and share it with others in season and out of season, as well as a relentless relationship with God through your spiritual life.

Would you like to know if God is calling you to the ministry? Answer these 5 powerful questions that will clarify and confirm your call to ministry:

1. Do I have a passion to serve in the ministry (1 Timothy 3:1)? A passion to preach, teach, evangelize, and spend your life for the Lord. This passion has to be marked by humility, love, commitment, and piety and not just by a passing emotion.

2. Am I biblically qualified? Do I fill the profile that the Apostle Paul writes in 1 Timothy 3:2,7 and Titus 1:5-9? Write here what are the characteristics that you fill according to the biblical profile:

3. Do I have the gifts necessary to serve in the ministry? Read Romans 12:4-8 and, in light of the word, write the gifts you have or want to use to serve in the ministry:

4. Does my church recognize my call to ministry? The qualities that Paul describes to us in his profile of the minister must be certified by the church and its ministers.

5. Am I available to respond to the joy of serving my Lord in ministry? As a leader I can fill out the entire profile, but I cannot be available to give my time and service to the Lord, so it requires that I do an analysis of conscience, if I am willing to respond to the call and its implications.

BIBLICAL SUPPORT



“As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” He told him, and Matthew got up and followed Him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners”. (Matthew 9:9-13)

Despite being in the middle of his tasks, Matthew is ready to hear a deeper message, and also to answer to the invitation and call to be a disciple of Jesus.

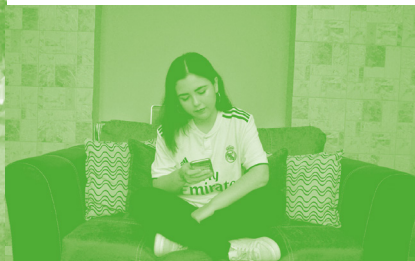
The call is an invitation to follow and serve Him, this call is a process of preparation and spiritual transformation. A disciple is a student, a learner, or a follower. Intentional discipleship, according to the essentials of the Church of the Nazarene, is the means through which the Holy Spirit gradually brings us to maturity in Christ, it is a lifestyle, a process of learning how God wants us to live in the world.

God’s call to Matthew was a special call in 2 directions:

1) Conversion: he received a call for salvation, since He came for the sick and sinners, that is, He came to seek and save what had been lost.

In light of verse 12, what do you understand?

2) Ministry: Jesus calls you to give Him a greater task as His disciple.





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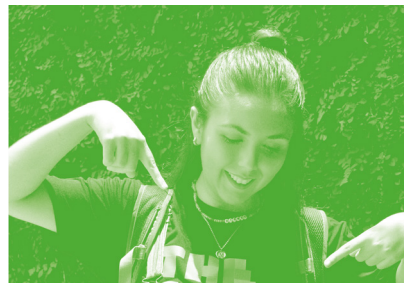
Tell us the testimony of your call:

What is Jesus calling you to today?

What are the gifts and abilities that God has given you to serve Him?

According to Romans 8:28, what are we called to do?

Do you know what that purpose is in your life?



PRACTICE

Jesus is an extraordinary leader, He is able to call and see the potential of a sinful man, labeled as the worst of his time (Matthew), but still He called him, and he trusted that during his discipleship process he would be transformed into His image and likeness.

Now what does that call mean for your life?

What are you willing to give up for the Lord's call?

Now that you know that God has called you, what will your first steps be?

Are you happy to share that calling with your friends and families? Yes () No ()

Billy Graham became a great preacher, formed many disciples, and left a great legacy, what would you like to do?