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Key words	Celibacy- Voluntarily promising to abstain from sexual pleasure Disciple- Someone committed to following the teaching and example of Jesus Discipleship- The condition of being a disciple; the ways of living and actions carried out by a disciple. Holy orders- The vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, taught by Jesus in the Bible and taken by individuals wishing to enter Religious life Martr- A person who knowingly sacrifices their life for their religious beliefs Ordination- The ceremony in which a man is granted Holy orders and becomes a Deacon, Priest and Bishop. Vocation- A call from God to live out a Christian life through loving and serving him and the Church through a particular way of life Vow of chastity Vow of obedience- Voluntarily promising to follow the authority of a religious order Vow of poverty- Voluntarily promising to give up all possessions for the common good of a community
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Stretch and challenge	Modern disciples such as Bonhoeffer- https://kingdomharbor.com/2018/02/21/bonhoeffer-the-cost-of-discipleship/ St. Maximillian Kolbe- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9SwMO36u_o Discipleship in Mark's Gospel- https://www.theologyfortherestofus.com/seven-ways-discipleship-is-shown-in-marks-gospel/ Vocation- Holy Orders- https://diocesehn.org.uk/services/care-of-the-clergy/priesthood/

Discipleship in Mark's Gospel	The Call of the Disciples	The mission of the twelve	Costs and rewards	The failure of the disciples and vocation
Discipleship is a key focus in Mark's Gospel. Jesus begins his ministry with the call of the disciples who would assist Jesus in his mission. The chief disciples were the 12 apostles who assisted Jesus as preachers and teachers who were sent out to spread his message. In Mark's Gospel, the concept of discipleship extends beyond the 12 disciples- including women who were called to follow Jesus. In Mark's Gospel, discipleship is NOT defined as a status but as an ongoing journey. **Discipleship in Mark's Gospel includes the following:** • The call to discipleship requires decisive action • Discipleship is difficult and comes at a cost. It includes self-denial and continuous commitment • All are called to be disciples- showing that all people are of equal value to God • To be a leader/disciple you must assume the role of 'servant leader' ark's focus on discipleship may have given hop/reassurance to Christians facing persecution in Rome. Mark presents the disciples as those which demonstrate great loyalty to Jesus but also as failures. Mark wants to highlight that discipleship is difficult. This would have encouraged those facing persecution to persevere, even if they had failed in the face of Roman torture and revealed information on their fellow Christians. Mark may have been encouraging them to keep faith and hope and maintain trust in God in spite of considerable challenges.	**17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19** Mark highlights the willingness of the disciples to leave their lives behind and follow Christ. This is the kind of obedience and trust Jesus expects of his disciples. ***"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and will send you out to fish for people."*** This demonstrates that the disciples are called by Jesus not just to believe in him, but to also share in his mission. They were called to build the Church/kingdom one earth. This call involved a decisive and immediate response. They had to leave everything they were doing behind without question. He Qi, is a contemporary Chinese artist, and is known for his unique approach to religious art, combining traditional Chinese art styles with Western iconography. **His work is particularly influenced by Chinese folk art and medieval European painting**. In this painting, he creates a tableau (a picture that captures a whole story) of the story of Jesus calls the first disciples. Jesus is pictured as friendly and inviting. He has his arms open wide. He has already called a number of disciples. It shows that the call to discipleship is open and inclusive to all, NOT JUST the12. The disciples Looking upwards- they recognize that this is a call from God (Vocation) They are depicted as close to Jesus suggesting they are eager to accept their vocation	Jesus gave specific instructions to the twelve. • They should travel in pairs. Most probably for safety and for each other to witness to each other. They could have supported each other in spreading the word. • They must take a staff to help with walking and also for protection from animals or anything that threatens them. It was also a sign of authority and power- used by Moses in Exodus to symbolize he acted with God's authority. • They should take no bread, bag or money- Emphasis on placing dependence on God to provide- importance of faith. Leave all belongings/attachments behind and allow God to be your central focus. • They should wear sandals and only wear one shirt- Protect their feet from poor paths/tracks. Again, emphasis on faith- travel light and allow God to provide • They must stay in the same house that welcomed them • They should shake the dust of their feet if a place would not accept them. This teaches us that persecution would have been common for the disciples when travelling.	"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. Jesus teaches the disciples that the costs of discipleship are great, but their reward will be eternal. Jesus warns that anyone who is not willing to face hardship in his name will not be saved To 'deny himself' means a cost of discipleship is to reject selfish impulses and to follow the sacrifice and examples of Jesus. The 'cross 'foreshadows Jesus' own crucifixion, as well as the persecution the disciples will face after Jesus' death and resurrection The story of the **Rich Young Man** is one such example and shows that Jesus did not always give the answers that people expected In Mark's Gospel there is an emphasis on **radical discipleship**: the idea that a half-hearted approach will not do. **Radical discipleship suggests that to be a follower of Christ, a person must give their all** Whilst the Rich Young Man follows the commandments, his wealth is still a distraction from God. Catholics believe that there should be **no barrier between a person and God**. Mark presents the idea that following Jesus requires **complete devotion** to God, and this can be hampered by weaknesses or distractions such as wealth.	Mark's Gospel places a particular emphasis on the apparent failures of Jesus' disciples. However, the key message is that **in spite of everything they do wrong, they remain loyal to Jesus and he remains loyal to them.** Examples include the disciples doubting Jesus during the calming of the storm and Peter denying Jesus three times. Despite being close followers, the disciples are human and therefore flawed. It gives hope to modern disciples that mistakes do not define us. As well as the twelve disciples, Jesus had other close followers including women. Examples include Mary Magdalene being the first to witness Jesus' resurrection, Mother Mary staying loyal to Jesus even up until and after his death on the cross, and the Syrophoenician woman whose belief in Jesus allowed her daughter to be healed. Modern discipleship make look different since vocation can be a call from God to love and serve him in different ways. Each person has been called to their own particular mission. St. John Henry Newman teaches us that 'Go has created me to do him some definite service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another.' Some may choose to do this through family life or certain careers; others may follow the more traditional path of Holy Orders. The vocation to Priesthood through Holy orders is a lifelong commitment. Jesus appointed Peter as the first leader (Pope) of the **Church- 'You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church- whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven…….'** At the Last Supper, Jesus made the apostles priests and commanded them to celebrate the Eucharist. He commanded them to **'Do this in memory of me'.**