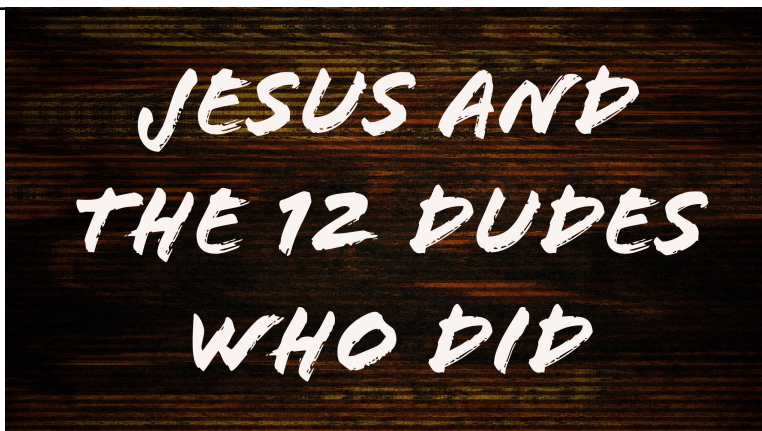

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Key Questions

What is this sermon about?

This sermon is about the James, son of Alphaeus, Philip and Bartholemew and serving.

Why is this sermon important?

It is important because serving inside and beyond the walls of the congregation is an important part of our discipleship pathway.

What is the good news?

The good news is that what we already have with the power of God is enough to meet the needs which God calls us to meet.

What are the next action steps?

You are invited to serve at Grandparent's Tea at Skelly Elementary School on September 11.

What is the context of this sermon?

This is the third sermon in a series about our discipleship pathway and the twelve disciples.

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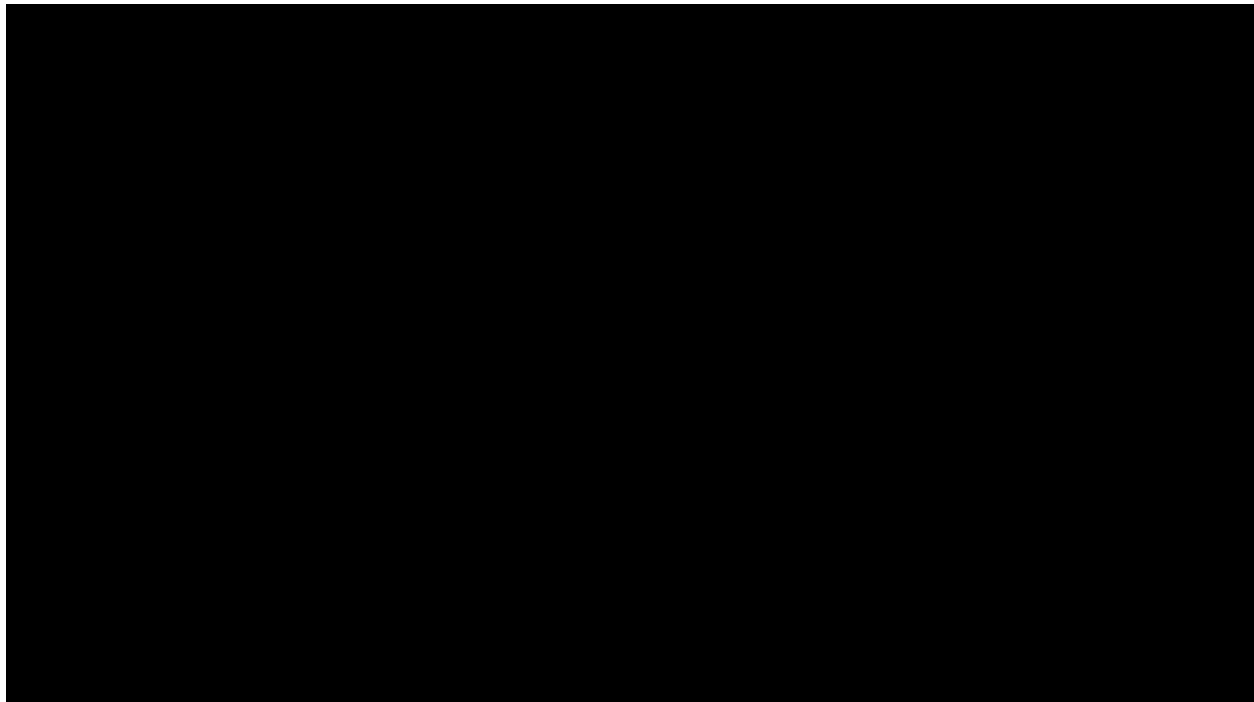
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Mark 6:30-44, NRSV

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.

³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

³⁵When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; ³⁶send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat."

³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see."

When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

³⁹Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And all ate and were filled; ⁴³and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Mark 6:30-44, CEB

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. ³¹Many people were coming and going, so there was no time to eat. He said to the apostles, "Come by yourselves to a secluded place and rest for a while." ³²They departed in a boat by themselves for a deserted place.

³³Many people saw them leaving and recognized them, so they ran ahead from all the cities and arrived before them. ³⁴When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then he began to teach them many things.

³⁵Late in the day, his disciples came to him and said, "This is an isolated place, and it's already late in the day. ³⁶Send them away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy something to eat for themselves."

³⁷He replied, "You give them something to eat."

But they said to him, "Should we go off and buy bread worth almost eight months' pay and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸He said to them, "How much bread do you have? Take a look."

After checking, they said, "Five loaves of bread and two fish."

³⁹He directed the disciples to seat all the people in groups as though they were having a banquet on the green grass. ⁴⁰They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹He took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them, broke the loaves into pieces, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²Everyone ate until they were full. ⁴³They filled twelve baskets with the leftover pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴About five thousand had eaten.

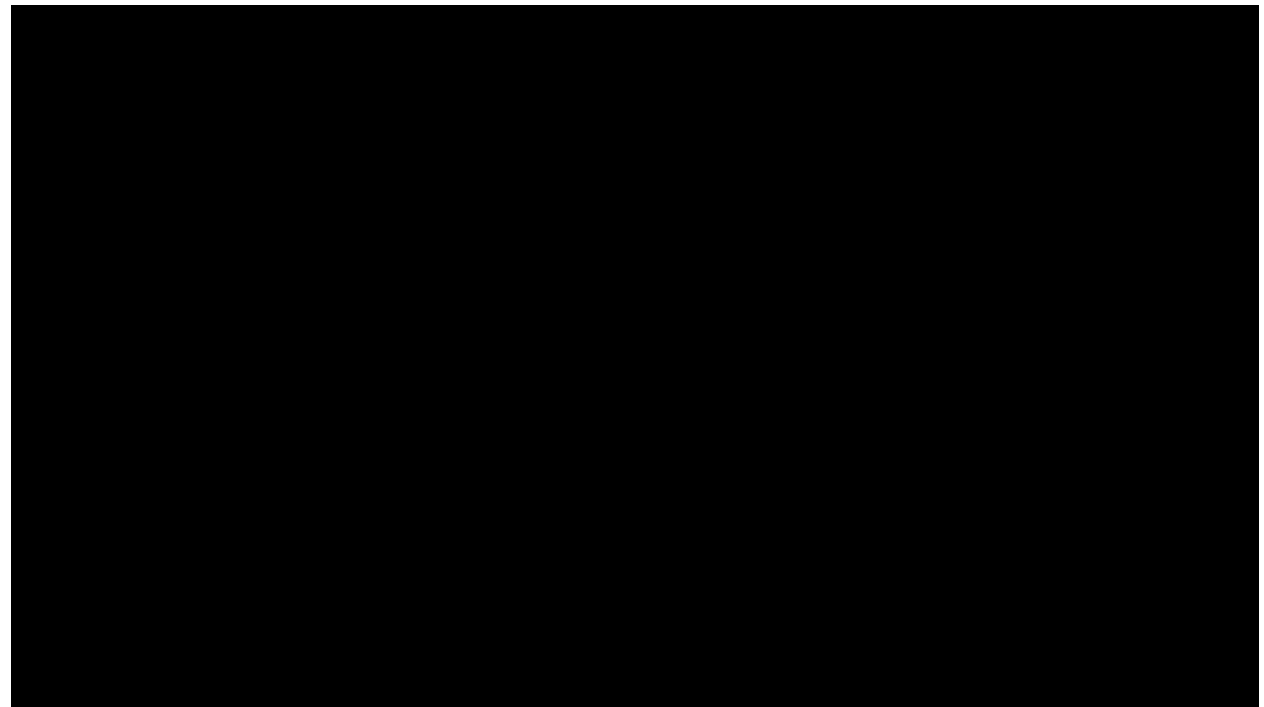
Response to Scripture

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Starter Video

Play sermon starter video.



Opening Story

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Transition

Series Review

Discipleship Pathway

During this worship series, we are focusing on our discipleship pathway, which is this:

We live as disciples of Jesus Christ as we worship, grow, give, serve and share.

These are expectations for our members and invitations to all people to experience life as a follower of Jesus Christ. There are many ways to live a faithful life. This is how we live as Christians here at First United Methodist Church.

Jesus and the 12 Dudes Who Did

We will be taking a closer look at the lives and stories of the 12 apostles who shared life with Jesus during his public ministry in the ancient near east. We will be looking for lessons that we can learn from them that can teach us about living as a follower of Jesus Christ.

James, son of Alphaeus¹

James, son of Alphaeus was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus, appearing under this name in all three of the Synoptic Gospels' lists of the apostles. He appears only four times in the New Testament, each time in a list of the twelve apostles.

Identity

James, son of Alphaeus is often identified with James the Less, who is only mentioned four times in the Bible, each time in connection with his mother. (Mark 15:40) refers to "Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses", while (Mark 16:1) and (Matthew 27:56) refer to "Mary the mother of James".

Since there was already another James (James, son of Zebedee) among the twelve apostles, equating James son of Alphaeus with "James the Less" made sense. (James son of Zebedee was sometimes called "James the Greater").

Philip²

Philip the Apostle was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. Later Christian traditions describe Philip as the apostle who preached in Greece, Syria, and Phrygia.

New Testament

The Synoptic Gospels list Philip as one of the apostles.

¹ Wikipedia contributors, "James, son of Alphaeus," Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=James,_son_of_Alphaeus&oldid=795737972 (accessed September 8, 2017).

² Wikipedia contributors, "Philip the Apostle," Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Philip_the_Apostle&oldid=791528985 (accessed September 8, 2017).

The Gospel of John recounts Philip's calling as a disciple of Jesus.[Jn 1:43]
Philip is described as a disciple from the city of Bethsaida, and the evangelist connects him with Andrew and Peter, who were from the same town. He also was among those surrounding John the Baptist when the latter first pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God. It was Philip who first introduced Nathanael (sometimes identified with Bartholomew) to Jesus.[3]

John

Of the four Gospels, Philip figures most prominently in the Gospel of John. Jesus is asked by Philip on how to feed the 5,000 people.

Bartholomew³

Bartholomew was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus.

New Testament

Nathanael is mentioned only in the Gospel according to John. In the Synoptic gospels, Philip and Bartholomew are always mentioned together, while Nathanael is never mentioned; in John's gospel, on the other hand, Philip and Nathanael are similarly mentioned together.

Tradition

Eusebius of Caesarea's Ecclesiastical History (5:10) states that after the Ascension, Bartholomew went on a missionary tour to India, where he left behind a copy of the Gospel of Matthew. Other traditions record him as serving as a missionary in Ethiopia, Mesopotamia, Parthia, and Lycaonia.[10] Popular traditions and legends say that Bartholomew preached the Gospel in India, then went to Greater Armenia.[3]

In Armenia

Along with his fellow apostle Jude Thaddeus, Bartholomew is reputed to have brought Christianity to Armenia in the 1st century. Thus, both saints are considered the patron saints of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

He is said to have been martyred in Albanopolis in Armenia.

Serving Inside the Walls

Introduction to Serving

Here at First United Methodist Church, we believe that the spiritual practices of our discipleship pathway open us to God's grace so that we become more like Christ.

³ Wikipedia contributors, "Bartholomew the Apostle," Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Bartholomew_the_Apostle&oldid=799268552 (accessed September 8, 2017).

Finding our role to play in serving both inside and outside the walls of the church is crucial to our life as Christians.

When we have compassion for our neighbors and put our faith into action we build up our soul, strengthen our faith and open ourselves to God's grace to be at work in our life in deep and profound ways.

Serving Inside the Walls

Serving inside the church takes many different forms:

- Helping make worship happen every week
- Serving on our teams and committees
- Volunteering your time to help out in the office
- Teaching and caring as part of FirstKids
- Weeding, mowing, trimming and caring for our building and grounds

Lifeblood of Our Congregation

This "basic and ordinary service is the lifeblood that gives [our congregation] strength. The phrase "to equip the saints for the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:12) means that churches invite, encourage, prepare, and cultivate such ordinary service so the ministry of Christ thrives."⁴

Thank You for Serving

"The operations and ministry of a congregation require the cooperative and helpful spirit of those who love the church and want to see it run smoothly and effectively to fulfill its mission, and the fruit of their service includes tasks well-done, community formation, connection to one another, learning the meaning of church, and changed lives for those within and beyond the congregation."⁵

Many of you are already serving inside the walls of the church.

Thank you.

Next Step

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We are all servants and each one has a role to play serving inside the congregation.

Serving Beyond the Walls

Let me give you some examples of the ways that you have been at work serving outside the congregation this year:

⁴ Schnase, Robert, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2007), 84.

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Youth Mission Trip

This year, our youth took a trip to the United Methodist Boys Ranch in Gore, Oklahoma, which is a campus-based foster care site operated by the Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care.

First Kids Serve

On Wednesday nights, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are serve others as part of FirstKids Serve. They have visited residents at Vintage Place, made chew toys and treats for dogs waiting to be adopted, raked leaves, and made PJs for kids at the Sunshine Children's Home. This picture was taken recently on a trip to pack food at Numana. Our children are leading the way for our congregation in service.

Habitat for Humanity Build

We sent two teams to build a new home for a local family in need as part of the Habitat for Humanity build at Star and Locust this year.

Packing Flood Relief Buckets

A few weeks ago we packed 26 flood relief buckets to send to our neighbors recovering from recent flooding in Mulvane and Louisiana.

Next Step

These are just a few of the ways that you have been at work serving others beyond the walls of our congregation.

We are all servants and each one has a role to play serving outside the congregation.

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Jesus, I am sorry for all the times in my life when I mess up.

And if anything comes to mind, ask God's forgiveness.

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Forgive me of my sin and all that I know is wrong.

Thank you that you died on the cross and rose for me.

I trust you with my life.

Help me receive your forgiveness.

Please fill me with your Spirit and help me to follow you.

In your holy name, Amen.